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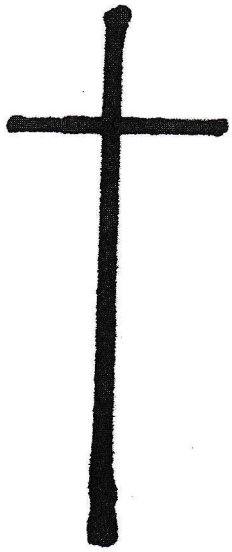

CHURCHES

According to records and tradition, The Flat Creek Baptist Church was organized the third Sunday of August, 1845, near Flat Creek about one mile east of the present site of Fountain Hill. This was the same year the settlement of Fountain Hill was founded (?) and the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. Bro. V. R. ROYAL was first pastor, and Bro. RUFUS KING DENSON WAS FIRST CLERK. The charter membership included slaves.

The first building was a log building (20 X 40 feet) with two doors and two windows. It was built by the creek. The membership in 1860 had grown to 81, 64 white and 17 black. The original building served until 1863 when it was torn down and a small frame building was erected at the present site of the Flat Creek Cemetery. This was one half mile south of the first building site.

The second structure served until 1900 when a third building was built. Much of the material out of the second structure was used in the third building. The third church building was destroyed by fire in 1920 (see SEAF interview) SEE A-91.

At that time, it was decided that a more proper and convenient place for the building was at Fountain Hill. So in 1922, the house of worship was built at the present site. That building underwent several improvements. In 1948 an education building was added to the east end of the church. A new front was added in 1953 and in 1971 it was air-conditioned. The auditorium was remodeled and new furniture added in 1972.

A new brick structure was built to replace the education building and it was used to conduct worship services while the present church was being built.

The fourth church building was removed in the summer of 1988. Construction of the present building began August 15, 1988 and was completed January 6, 1989.

The first service in the new building was conducted on January 22, 1989, by the Rev. Bill Elton. Dedication services were held on April 30, 1989 at 2:00 p.m.

On its one-hundreth birthday, in 1945, the name was changed to First Baptist Church, Fountain Hill while Bro. E.H. ACUFF was pastor.

The Flat Creek Church was one of seven churches that organized the Bartholomew Baptist Association on October 17, 1950. Bro. STERLING E. WHITE and Bro. BILLY NICHOLS were messengers to that meeting with instructions from the church to vote the church into the new association.

According to Bro. E. H> Acuff, "This church as one of the longest and richest histories of any church in Southeast Arkansas.

The above was taken from the pamphlet, A SHORT HISTORY OF FLAT CREEK—FOUNTAIN HILL, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. A revised copy of that pamphlet has been located which states:

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The first service in the new auditorium was conducted on January 22, by Reverend Bill Elton.

Dedication Services are currently scheduled for April 30, 1989, at 2:00 p.m.

"ALL THINGS HAVE THEIR PLACE, KNEW WE HOW TO PLACE THEM."

So the little band of families were brought from their encampment at Longview to settle what was to become the first, though temporary, seat of government in Ashley County.

One of the first public buildings to go up in the community of Fountain Hill was a church, an index to the character of the early settlers. We are told that there was a bit of friendly rivalry over just where the little log building should be set. There were two strong members of the group of settlers, Thomas A. Watkins, grandfather of the late Mrs. Allie Watkins Wood (who passed on this story) and Isaac Denson. Watkins was settled north of Flat Creek, and the Denson clan settled on the south. The problem was-on which side to build the church? The matter was settled by placing the little log structure on a mound half-way between the two clan homes, on the Watkins side of Flat Creek, one and a half miles east of the present community of Fountain Hill. That historic structure burned, and was rebuilt- this time on the Denson side of the creek on what is now known as Norris Hill.

GORDON HARTRICK
August 8, 1969

If not insinuated above, one version of the tale is that the Denson clan took strong measures (burned the church) to see that it got situated where it "rightfully belonged." That too, was thought to have been concocted in jest, because no difficulties were found to have existed between the two families.

We still have the community, known as, ACROSS THE CREEK. There-in lies the LOOP.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING? WE HAVE TWO STORIES.

(a)".....it was TORN DOWN and a small frame building was erected at the present site of the FLAT CREEK CEMETERY." Per the Church on page 150.

(b)"That historic structure BURNED, and was rebuilt.....on what is now known as NORRIS HILL." Per Mrs. Allie Watkins Wood on this page.

Nathan Isaacs chose to believe Mrs. Wood's story. He said, "Old buildings are not torn down in Arkansas unless something else is to be built on the site. If you don't believe me, drive the roads and see for yourself. They are used for hay barns or goat sheds until they rot down. Even after collapsing, they are not destroyed. They are left to the elements as an eye sore until they just disappear."

Mr. THOMAS S. WATKINS, a charter member, is buried in Flat Creek Cemetery, and has many descendents in this area.

Some of the pastors are buried in Flat Creek Cemetery. Rev. B. H. CAROL, the third pastor, migrated west with some of the charter members and is buried along with them and others from Fountain Hill, in the small SPARKS-DENSON Cemetery at Lampasas, Texas. He has no tombstone but his grave is enclosed with a low fence constructed with native stone. Twp Flat Creek Baptist Church Charter Members buried there are Issac Denson And his son, Rufus King Denson, the first church clerk. Other persons from Fountain Hill buried in this 15 grave cemetery are Judge SPARK'S brother-in-law, Lampass County Sheriff, "SHADE DENSON", Mrs. DENSON (ELIZABETH SPARKS) the judge's sister, and his parents, SARAH DEAL SPARKS, on whose farm this cemetery was established, are also buried there. Mrs. SPARKS was SARAH DEAL: The Deals being another pioneer family at Fountain Hill.

The couple that was issued the first marriage certificate in Ashley county was married by NATHANIEL DENSON, He was serving as the second pastor of the Flat Creek Baptist Church at the time.

Another of its early pastors (NICHOLAS COUNCIL DENSON 1912 - 1913) distinguished himself in the Civil War, served as chaplain for both the Arkansas House of Representatives and the State Senate, was elected as moderator or the Bartholomew Baptist Association and served without interruption for many years. Near the turn of the century he helped establish, erect a building, and served as first pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crossett. During world war two he had a Japanese relocation center (Jerome, Ar) named for him, which had a post office, high school and a non-denominational chapel bearing his name.

JUDGE HILL IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN A CHARTER OR AN EARLY MEMBER OF THE FLAT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH AT FOUNTAIN HILL, ARKANSAS.

Former Slave Enjoys Reading Farm News

To The Semi-Weekly Farm News.

I am always glad when Tuesday and Friday come, so I can hear what is going on in our great Texas. I like the paper, it is fine. I am now past 92 years old.

I was born in the State of Georgia, near Atlanta. I had seven different masters in the space of twelve years. I was sold five times and given away two times. I was brought to Arkansas and then to Texas the third year of the Civil War.

I left my mother at the age of 6 years and have never seen her since. The man who brought me from Georgia to Arkansas was Jim Knight. Here I was sold to Isaac Denson. He in turn gave me to his brother.

Good luck to The Semi-Weekly Farm News. JUDGE HILL.

Huntsville, Walker Co., Texas.

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I WAS BORN IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, NEAR ATLANTA. I HAD SEVEN DIFFERENT MASTERS IN THE SPACE OF TWELVE YEARS. I WAS SOLD FIVE TIMES AND GIVEN AWAY TWO TIMES. I WAS BROUGHT TO ARKANSAS AND THEN TO TEXAS THE THIRD YEAR OF THE CIVIL WAR.

I LEFT MY MOTHER AT THE AGE OF 6 YEARS AND HAVE NEVER SEEN HER SINCE.

THE MAN WHO BROUGHT ME FROM GEORGIA TO ARKANSAS WAS JIM KNIGHT. HERE I WAS SOLD TO ISAAC DENSON. HE IN TURN GAVE ME TO HIS BROTHER.

GOOD LUCK TO THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS. JUDGE HILL
HUNTSVILLE, WALKER CO., TEXAS

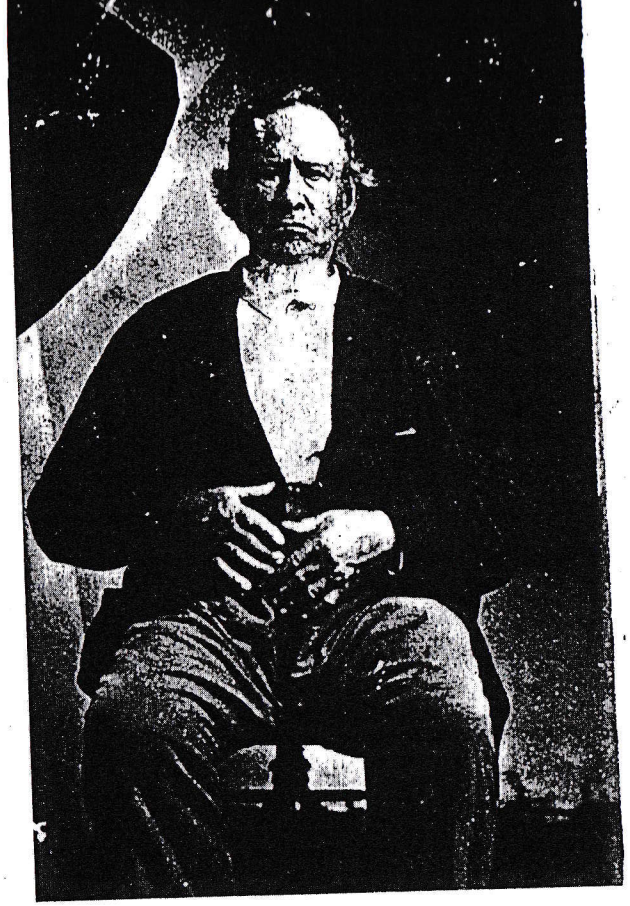
NOTE: JAMES KNIGHT IS BURIED IN THE MOUNT OLIVE CEMETERY, ASHLEY CO., ARK. ISAAC DENSON DID NOT TAKE JUDGE TO TEXAS.

(JUDGE)

CHARTER MEMBERS FLAT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

RUFUS KING DENSON
1824--1902
CIRCA 1865

ISAAC DENSON
1793--1875
CIRCA 1850



ISAAC DENSON

CIRCA 1866

Grave locations of only three of the six charter members of the Flat Creek Baptist Church are known. Thomas S. Watkins' tombstone at Flat Creek Cemetery has recently been re-furbished and looks good for such an old stone. For some reason, at some time over the years the stone has been reversed to face the west instead of the traditional east. Several writers beleive three other charter members of the church are buried at Flat Creek. Some family members, who grew up here, think they are more likely to have been buried at the Norris Hill Cemetery. If any grave stones were ever erected for them, they have been lost or destroyed. The two men pictured above are buried in the Sparks/Denson Cemetery at Lampasas, Texas. They are mentioned in "THE NAMING OF FOUNTAIN HILL, ARKANSAS." The man on on the left was the first clerk of the Flat Creek Baptist Church in 1845. The picture was taken about the time he returned from the Civil War, and twenty years after the church was established. He was about forty-one years old at the time the picture was taken. The man in the next two pictures was the oldest of the church group. Of the other five charter members, he was the husband and father-in-law of the two women, and the father of two of the men. The first of the two pictures of Isaac was taken about five years after the church was established, when he was about fifty-seven. The horse and mule population was almost decimated during the Civil War. Because of this he went to Mexico in 1866, when he was 73 or 74 years of age, to buy horses. This picture was taken in Mexico at that time. It was not determined if his looks were a reflection of his age, or if it was from just plain saddle soreness. Regardless of the trail-weary look, this tough old man was apparently responsible for this town being called, Fountain Hill.

Flat Creek Baptist Church, Fountain Hill, Arkansas. Top row, left to right: George Mears, Irene Mears, Allie Wood, Mary Robinson, Stence Denson; second row, Dora Hester, Leola Simmons, Bessie Denson, Ora Hester Phillips, Arthur Pierce, Adel Hollis; third row, Sam Brown, John Woods, Ed High, Jim Hester, below Hester is preacher F.E. Bailey, Scott Allread, Otis Hester, unknown, Addie Simmons, Vera Brooks, Irma Sivils; fourth row, Jeffie Pennington, Alden Hester, Evrin Hester, Wiley Powell holding Daveida, Atlas Pierce, Homer Pierce, Chrystene Woods, Claudia Brooks, Ruth Mears, Pauline Couey, Mabel Pierce, Ishe Pierce, Lena Mears Pierce, Mrs. Ogletree, Gwin Pierce (Lena's daughter), Mary Phillips Knight, below is Correan Hester, Mrs. Ed High, Maggie Hester, Mrs. Jessie Brooks, Odell Sivils; fifth row, Grady Binns, Frank Denson, Bob Sivils, Norman Hester, Herbert Boyd, Homer Pierce, unknown, unknown, Bruin Woods, Durelle Woods, unknown, unknown, unknown, Mildred Forester Hobbs; sixth row, C.G. Mears, Harold Woods and Roland Hester, the rest are unknown. *Courtesy of Joyce Cason*

SHORT HISTORY
OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FOUNTAIN HILL, ARKANSAS
FORMERLY
FLAT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARTER MEMBERS EXCLUDING SLAVES

Isaac Denson
1793-1875

Albert Grayson Denson
1819-1847

Rufus King Denson
1824-1902

Emily Ely Denson
1812-1875

Cassendes Grayson Denson
1843-1876

Thomas S. Watkins
1813-1873

Rev. Y. R. Royal
1812-1867

FORMER PASTORS

Y. R. Royal.....1845-1848
Nathaniel Denson.....1848-1850
Bernafe H. Carrol....1850-1858
C. W. Kennard.....1858-1861
B. R. Robertson.....1861-1862
Hogan Allen.....1862-1863
N. A. Watson.....1863-1865
C. Bain.....1865-1866
H. Sims.....1866-1867
A. T. Thompson.....1867-1873
I. D. Rasberry.....1873-1874
Hogan Allen.....1874-1876
John S. Mears.....1876-1877
J. S. Wood.....1877-1879
W. H. H. Woods.....1879-1880
Hogan Allen.....1880-1877
G. D. Moore.....1887-1888
Hogan Allen.....1888-1890
M. A. Gunter.....1890-1892
E. E. Smith.....1892-1894
C. D. Moore.....1894-1895
J. W. Sims.....1895-1907
C. E. Hollis.....1907-1908
L. M. Webb.....1908-1910
Bray.....1910-1911
G. E. Holt.....1911-1912
Nicholas C. Denson...1912-1913
Lawrence Holt.....1913-1914
L. M. Webb.....1914-1916
A. F. Willis.....1916-1918
T. G. Morgan.....1918-1921
F. E. Bailey.....1922-1925
H. H. Adcock.....1925-1934
E. N. Burns.....1934-1936
L. J. Tucker.....1936-1938
O. T. Bolton.....1939-1941
A. G. New.....1941-1943
E. H. Acuff.....1944-1947
Rolla Nixon.....1947-1949
W. A. Lacy.....1949-1950
H. C. Rash.....1951-1952
M. B. Hargis.....1952-1953
Clarence Allison...1954-1955
E. A. Acuff (int)..1955-1956
Johnny Hugart.....1956-1958
Hugh Nelson.....1959-1961
John Noble.....1961-1964
E. E. Griever(int).1965-1966
Darrel Heath.....1967-1969
E. E. Griever(int).1969-1969
Gene Gregory.....1969-1982
Joseph Lindsey.....1982-1983
Wally Ferguson.....1983-1985
Bill Elton.....1985-1990
Lee F. Pearson.....1990-1995
Bill Elton.....1995-

The first 1 1/4 pages of this material (Acuff's) and the list of pastors, is said to be the only Flat Creek Church records in existance prior to 1958. Those old records are said to have been stolen by one of the pastors who was said to have been an ex-felon.

Regardless of being given that report by Church members, old records are in existance and were found. Permission was not asked or given to print the part of that material which follows.

THE THIRD BUILDING OF THE FLAT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH BURNED IN 1920. THIS IS PART OF A VIDEO TAPED CONVERSATION WITH MR. SEAF SANDERS IN AUG OF 1991.

F.D.: I AM SITTING IN THE HOME OF MR SEAF SANDERS AT 633 SO. BORCHARDT ST. IN MONTICELLO. HE AND MY FATHER GREW UP TOGETHER IN FOUNTAIN HILL, AND I GUESS THEY WERE FRIENDS UNTIL MY FATHER DIED.

S.S.: STARTED TO SCHOOL THE SAME DAY.

F.D.: DID YOU?

S.S.: YEAH!

F.D.: YOU DIDN'T CRY LIKE SOME KIDS DO, DID YOU?

S.S.: FRANK WAS ALWAYS SMARTER THAN ME BECAUSE HIS MAMA WAS A TEACHER, OR HAD BEEN A TEACHER, AND HE, AND THINGS LIKE LONG DIVISION, HE GOT THAT BEFORE I DID. AND WE SAT TOGETHER AND I GOT IT MORE FROM HIM THAN I DID FROM THE TEACHER.

F.D.: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS MADE YOU GUYS BUILD FIRES--TELL ME ABOUT THAT.

S.S.: WHAT'S THAT?

F.D.: DIDN'T MR. BRIGHT, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, HAVE YOU GUYS BUILDING FIRES?

S.S.: YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, HE COME AND GOT US ONE SUNDAY, AND HE--FRANK HAD A HORSE, HE WAS HORSE BACK, AND HE SENT HIM TO THE METHODIST CHURCH. AND MR. BRIGHT HAD AN OLD T-MODEL AND HE TOOK ME OUT TO THE BAPTIST CHURCH, AND I BUILT THE FIRE THAT BURNED IT DOWN. AND I NEVER HAVE LIVED THAT DOWN, BUT IT WASN'T--I'M PRETTY BAD ABOUT OVER-DOING THINGS, AND I HAD A LOT OF GOOD PINE KNOTS, BUT, UH, THE OLD PIPE IN THE CEILING WAS BAD, YOU KNOW, AND I HEATED HER UP, AND IT CAUGHT A FIRE. AND MR. NEWT GRAVES AND JEWEL JEFFRESS' DADDY CAME ALONG IN A WAGON AND THEY HELPED US, AND WE GOT ALL THOSE CHURCH BENCHES OUT OF THERE BEFORE THE BUILDING BURNED DOWN.

L. TO R. SEAF SANDERS & FRANK DENSON, CIRCA 1920
"WE WERE WEARING OUR <u>OTHER</u> CLOTHES."

F.D.: I THINK MY DADDY HAD ONE OF THOSE BENCHES. WERE THEY MADE OUT OF A SLAT LIKE MATERIAL?

S.S.: YEAH, YEAH, THEY SURE WERE!

F.D.: IT SAT IN FRONT OF HIS SHOP. I THINK THE LOAFERS WHITTLED IT TO PIECES.

S.S.: AND THE CEMETERY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1845, I GUESS YOU SAW THAT ON THE.....

F.D.: YES, I KNEW THAT, I WAS THINKING 43, BUT I GUESS IT WAS 45. I'M NOT GOOD AT REMEMBERING DATES. NOW, AT THAT TIME THE CHURCH WAS RIGHT AT THE CEMETERY, WAS IT NOT? AND AFTER YOU BURNED IT DOWN, THEY MOVED IT UP TO FOUNTAIN HILL PROPER?

S.S.: YES, IN A YEAR OR TWO AFTER IT BURNED THEY MOVED IT UP THERE. THEY HAD SERVICES IN THE METHODIST CHURCH. BUT ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE CEMETERY, THERE FROM THE NORTH, THAT LEFT HAND SIDE OF IT THERE--I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT NEW SIDE, THERE GOING IN YOU WILL FIND MISS ELLA AND MR. GUS PIERCE'S GRAVE MARKERS DOWN THERE.

F.D.: YES, I HAVE SEEN THEM, I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

S.S.: THEY HAD A FENCE AROUND THE CEMETERY THEN, THEY WERE BURIED ABOUT EIGHT FEET FROM THE FENCE. MISS ELLA DIED IN 1915. I WENT TO THE FUNERAL. DID YOU KNOW RUTH OGLETREE?

F.D.: NO, I KNOW WHO THE FAMILY WAS, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THEM.

S.S.: SHE FAINTED AT THE FUNERAL IN 1915, IN AUGUST, A HOT DAY YOU KNOW, SHE FAINTED. BUT THE CHURCH WAS, I'D SAY WAS TWENTY FEET FROM THE FENCE, SO THE CHURCH WOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT 30 OR 40 FEET FROM THE GRAVE MARKER THERE.

F.D.: WERE YOU AND------

S.S.: I'LL BE BURIED BETWEEN MY MOTHER AND MY WIFE, MY MOTHER ON MY RIGHT HAND SIDE, AND MY WIFE ON MY LEFT.

F.D.: BUT THAT WILL BE A LONG TIME FROM NOW!

<u>BUT IT WASN'T!</u>

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(SEAF) (PIS)

THE FOUNTAIN HILL METHODIST CHURCH

The Fountain Hill Methodist Church displays a brief history that states the following:

> One of the earliest families known in the history of the Fountain Hill United Methodist Church was the Daniel family. Records show that Frances Daniel was received into the church in 1844, by a local minister, William Guice.
>
> She willed the land where the present church stands to the Methodists with the understanding that if and when there was not a place of worship on it, it would go back to the heirs.
>
> F. K. Daniel and his wife Leta, son and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Daniel, later deeded the land to the church, removing the former stipulation.
>
> The present building [1937/38] has a beautiful sanctuary, with new pews and furniture around the pulpit area. The people of the church along with Rev. James Sewell, built a kitchen, and fellowship hall. Fountain Hill United Methodist Church opens its doors to share the gospel to their community, in faith and love.

The problem with that statement is that Frances' deed dated August 17, 1878 conveyed a piece of property described much different than that of F. K. and Leta's deed. Frances Daniel describes two acres of land with its south boundary being the line separating township 15 and 16 at the point where it crosses the road from Fountain Hill to Hamburg.

That line is the south boundary for the city limit of Fountain Hill. Maple Street runs east and west on that line. At present the house where Quenton and Rachel Couey raised their children, sits adjacent and south of the township line, Maple street and the city limit. One must know where the Fountain Hill to Hamburg road was located in 1878 to know where the original church property was located. A gentleman whose 99th birthday was this year, does not recall the church being located any place but where it is today. That could indicate the church was located there much before the gift of land was made in 1916.

Frances' husband, William Daniel, came here in 1844 and bought 1000 acres of land. Most of the southern part of the town of Foutain Hill, including the present school property, is known as the Daniel addition. Other parts of that achreage is east of Highway 425 on each side of the road that runs toward the Flat Creek Cemetery.

FRANK K. & LETA DANIEL

That land was later owned by George Washington Mears. It was disposed of by his heirs in 1952 for about $60.000 and was eventually acquired by Georgia Pacific Corporation in 1968.

William Daniel owned a number of slaves and was in court at least twice because of them. He was once required to show cause why he should not abide by the law and have some free white person live with and supervise them.

On another occasion a woman being treated as a slave, except when slaves were being assessed for taxation, sued Daniel for her feedom as well as that of her Daniel Children. A jury found them to be white and ruled against Daniel. She and the children were freed.

On the last page of this Church section, Frank Daniel's daughter, Frances,tells of other litigation in her family. This too was over slaves.

Frank K. and Leta Daniel left this area many years ago. Three of their children spent part of their careers at Fountain Hill. Frances taught school at Fountain Hill, Milo and other country schools before completing her long career in the Hamburg system. There she was known as Mrs. Bankston (both as Mrs. Vernon Bankston and as Mrs. Mercel Bankston, having married brothers from Fountain Hill). In the 1930s Bryce Daniel was Superintendent of the Fountain Hill School. Hellon Daniel, after retiring from the Federal Government in Washington, D. C., operated a grocery store in Fountain Hill.

As stated before, the Daniel family came here in 1844. Some family records which Frances Daniel Bankston claimed were true and accurately kept, may or may not reflect a more precise time frame as to when they arrived.

The records of the Daniel Cemetery which was established on the William Daniel property east of Fountain Hill and west of the Flat Creek Cemetery, shows the first grave to be that of Martha C. Daniel, a daughter of William. She died on August 29, 1844 at three months of age. A son, James R. Daniel, died on June 26, 1844 and is not shown as being buried in the Daniel Cemetery. Does this indicate that William Daniel arrived at Fountain Hill between June 26 and August 29, 1844? Could it mean that the records were not accurately kept?

Who is to say whether the cemetery records were accurately kept or not? They show William and Frances as having a daughter born in 1902 and dying in 1903. That would have been a Daniel miracle. William died in 1871 and Frances in 1900 at the age of 86. Permanent markers were never erected at this cemetery and the last burial is said to have been in 1915.

THE DANIEL CEMETERY

Daniel,	William	8 Apr. 1795	21 Nov. 1871	Father
,	Frances C.	4 Mar. 1814	21 Nov. 1900	Mother
,	Martha C.	24 May 1844	29 Aug. 1844	Daughter
,	Sarah E.	2 Sep. 1847	23 June 1906	Daughter
,	Sabrina Ann	14 Feb. 1852	1915	Daughter
,	Catherine C.	22 Oct. 1902	2 Sep. 1903	Daughter
Burton,	James C.	1812	1870	Nephew of Wm. Daniel
Crook,	Arthur	6 Feb ??	ca 1880	Great grandchild of William Daniel

Other Daniel children were James R. mentioned above,John N.(11-26-1841/10-11-1843), Eliza E.(1-15-1849/2-24-1862). Two sons died in the Civil War, William Waller(b. 9-25-1839) died at Sharpsburg and Jessie Thomas (b. 1-1-1846) died in a skirmish on October 17, 1864 near Richmond. The Rev. "Nick" Denson tells of visiting Frances Daniel, after the War,

and telling her of him helping bury her sons. Two other sons were Frank K. and "Harve".

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized into a circuit about the year 1847 and included the entire county until around 1867. Some of the preachers in charge were, John Stanford; Rev. Mr. Finn; Peter Haskew; James H. Andrews; Boboni Harris; J. S. McCarren, and H. R. Withers.

PASTORS OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL METHODIST CHURCH

E. L. GADDIE	1867-1868
JAMES STINCELL	1869
JOHN PRYOR	1870
J. R. HARVEY	1870-1871
J. H. BLAKELY	1872
H. D. McKINNON	1873
L. W. HOUSE	1876
TOM GALERWAY	1886-1889
A. S. SCOTT	11-23-1889
R. J. RAIFORD	12-10-1890
W. C. HILLIARD	12- -1891-1892
R. G. ROWLAND	12-13-1893-1894
J. B. THOMAS	1895-1896**
JOHN DUNN	12- 7-1896-1898
DAVID BOWLES	1905
J. J. MENEFEE	DEC 1913-1916
BEDE PICKERING	1917-1919
A. G. (ALBERT GALLITON) CASON	1920
H. L. (HARRY LEE) SIMPSON	NOV 1920-1924
C. B. DAVIS	NOV 1925-1926
R. K. BASS	1926-1927
JOHN N. SIMPSON	1927-1930
C. B. DAVIS	1930-1932
TOMMY SANDERLIN	1933-1934
JOHN N. SIMPSON	1934-1937
ELDRED BLAKELY	1937-1940
K. K. (KENNETH KARL) CARITHERS	1940-1942
JAMES TADLOCK	1942-1944
A. E. WINGFIELD	1944-1945
C. H. GILLAM	1945-1946**
J. C. VAN HORN	1947-1948**
W. E. WEST	1948-1956
ROBERT L. LONG	1956-1961
ROBERT TRIECHMAN	1961-1964
CARLOS MARTIN	1964-1968
JIM ANDERSON	1968-1969
VIRGIL BELL	1969-1974
JAMES R. SEWELL	1974-1983
RICHARD OLIVER	1983-1984
BILLY McLEAN	1984-1985
COLIN WARD	1985-1987
TANDY C. HANSON	1987-1991
DAVID SMITH	1992-1993
J. PATRICK WILKERSON	1993-

** These men were not on the church records but may have served as pastors.

A membership list has been compiled into one volume and can be found in the Crossett library, or contact Frank Denson.

THOMPSON, JOHN H. AND ELIZABETH

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And Her Law Suit

The fact that some members of our family were much given to litigation has provided us with much information we may have never found had our family been less litigious. The tale I shall now relate has to do with Great Grandma Thompson and how she sued Grandpa and her daughter-in-law, Esther. (Ark. Report The Supreme Ct. of the State of Ark. Book 9, July, 1857)

On September 28, 1852. Elizabeth Thompson filed a bill in Ashley County Circuit Court against her husband, John N. Thompson, and Esther Thompson, widow of her deceased son, Robert A. Thompson, for the recovery of two slaves and their heirs. etc. Her attorney, A.M. Gray, alleged that on February 18, 1807 the complainant, Elizabeth, married the defendant, John N. Thompson, in Robeson County, North Carolina. That in the year 1810, her father, Thomas Sewell, then living there, by deed gave to Elizabeth three slaves, Joe, Lucy, and Clarinda, with the future increase of the two latter named for the use and assistance and comfort of the complainant for the term of her life, with limitation after her death to the heirs of her body and placed the said slaves in the possession of her husband. After this, the Thompsons moved to Twiggs County, Georgia, taking the slaves with them. Elizabeth repeatedly requested her husband to have the deed recorded in the proper office as evidence to the world of her title to the slaves, but he absolutely refused and never did have it recorded.

In 1837 Elizabeth became so very sick that her life was despaired of. Upon her recovery, the deed was not to be found in the place she had kept it, nor did she ever again see it, or know what became of it; although she believed her husband had destroyed it.

In 1844, the Thompsons emigrated to Arkansas. Before they reached here, John N. Thompson made to his son, Robert A. Thompson, who was well acquainted with premises, a bill of sale for three slaves. The said Joe, and two others, Luke and Dave, the last two were the offspring of said Clarinda, without the consent of complainant, and as she was informed and believed without consideration being paid by the said Robert A. Robert A. Thompson came to Arkansas at the same time Elizabeth and John N. Thompson did. Shortly after their arrival here, the said Robert A. delivered up to complainant the slave Joe but retained Luke and Dave in his possession until his death in 1851. After which the defendant, Esther, his widow, still retained possession of the slaves and refused to deliver them to the complainant, or her husband, John N. Thompson, for her use or benefit, in accordance with the intention of the father of complainant. Now that she was aged and infirm and needed the assistance of the slaves. The defendant, John N. Thompson, made default and the bill was taken as confessed as to him.

The defendant, Esther Thompson, answered the bill. She had no knowledge of the alleged deed of gift or that Luke and Dave were the sons of Clarinda. She avers that on the 16th of Dec., 1841, her husband, Robert A. Thompson, purchased the slaves, Joe, Luke, and Dave, from Robert N. Thompson in good faith for the consideration of $1600, in hand paid, and took a bill of sale which is exhibited, and that from then until his death March 28, 1851, Robert A. held peaceable, continuous, adverse possession of the slaves, Luke and Dave, as his own property. After his death and settlement of his estate, respondent continued to hold the slaves until filing of the bill. She pleads the Limitation Act of 1846 as a bar to the relief sought by the bill. After the answer was filed, she married Reuben C. Denson who succeeded her in the administration of her former husband's estate. The Cause was finally heard and a decree rendered in favor of Complainant Elizabeth Thompson and against Denson and wife. Denson and wife appealed. Their Council states that upon the face of the bill it does not appear that the appeal had any estate in the slaves separate and apart from her husband. The original deed of gift of the slaves from Thomas Sewell to Elizabeth being lost or destroyed and no copy exhibited. Council cited 3 cases in which under English law such properties passes to husbands. The case was thus disposed and stated it not necessary to determine the question as to statute of limitations, fraudulent purchases, trusts, etc. The decree of the Court was reversed and the Cause remanded with instructions to dismiss the bill for want of equity. Though Grandma lost her case, my granddaughter, applauds, "Grandma Thompson was one gutsy lady".

Could this have been a case of "lack of communication?" We hardly think Grandma was familiar with the words, feminist or feminism, equal rights or publical rights for women, but she did believe "He'd done her wrong." Legal status of a wife in Colonial and early United States was that of a non-person until laws were changed to give her the right to hold real and personal property outside the control of her husband.

Grandpa was a Methodist; he was also the first Treasurer of Ashley County.

by FRANCES DANIEL RANKSTON

FOUNTAIN HILL SCRAP BOOK

COLLECTIONS OF FRANK E. DENSON

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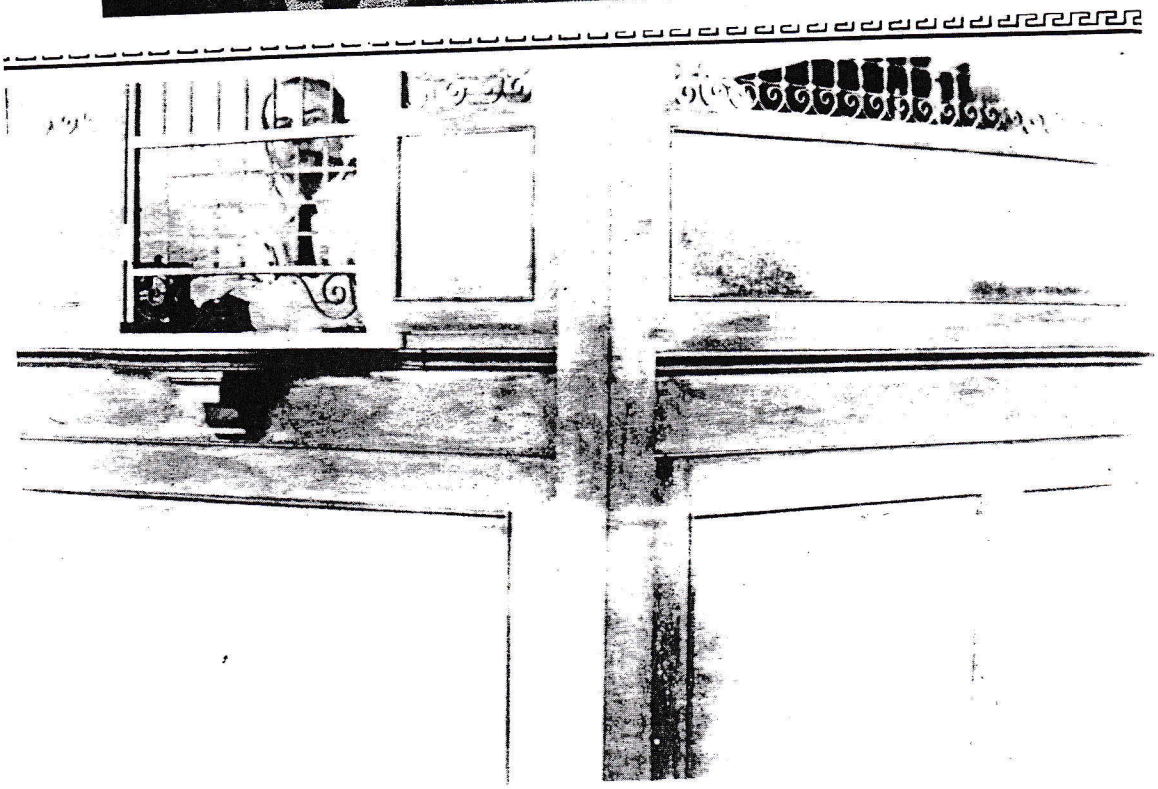
FOUNTAIN HILL BANK



TOP 2nd FROM LEFT: LESLIE SAVAGE WAS FIRST CASHIER IN 1913

BOTTOM: WILEY POWELL WAS LAST CASHIER IN 1932/33

BANKS

The A. D. & N. Railroad was completed from Crossett to Fountain Hill in 1912. The first week in October of that year a big barbacue and picnic was held to celebrate the occasion. By that time, E. W. "Cap" GATES, manager of the Crossett Lumber Company, builder of the railroad, had the Fountain Hill Bank already organized. W. A. Halley, a Monticello architect, was commissioned to draw plans for a bank building. He had the plans ready and the building was constructed in 1913.

Farmers Bank of Hamburg was organized less than two years before the Fountain Hill Bank. The Farmers Bank fared better than the other two banks in Hamburg at the time. The Ashley County Bank that was organized in 1896 was going broke as the Fountain Hill Bank was being organized. The Hamburg Bank that organized in 1902 with capital stock of $25,000 also went out of business. The Farmers bank is the only one still operating and it has recently opened a branch office in Crossett.

The Fountain Hill Bank's blueprint called for a 20' x 40' brick building with an eight foot concrete sidewalk out front. The vault, about midway of the building, had inside dimensions of 7' x 7'. The plans showed that the building was to be built with the length of the building to run north and south, with the front of the building to face south. For some reason, as can be seen today, the building was built with the front facing east. The original building had a partition in the back which provided a 12' x 20' space which was once rented to an attorney (Vernon Bankston) for his law office.

The bank was authorized to issue one-thousand shares of capital stock with a par value of $25 each. Only 400 shares were ever issued, thus making the bank's paid-up capital stock only $10,000. During January of 1913, 326 shares were issued, 29 shares issued in February, 27 in March and 18 in December. The stock certificates were signed by Leslie J. Savage, Cashier and E. W. Gates, President. A copy of certificate # 18 which was issued on January 27, 1913, for four shares, is shown here.

Two lists of stockholders are shown in this section. One list shows the original stockholders as of December 31, 1913. The other list is of the ownership at the time the bank was dissolved. The 1913 list shows the names of the stockholder, the number of shares owned and indicates if he was on the board of directors at that time. If known, it also shows his or her occupation and place of burial.

The final stockholder list shows that one family and its relatives had acquired 51.75% of the stock. The family's wholesale supplier owned 18% and the general public owned 25.5%. The remaining 4.75% was held in such a manner that it could be considered as treasury stock.

Other financial data, shown here, compares the 1918 balance sheet with that of one ten years later, 1928. In the 1928 statement, the account referred to as "Cash and due from reserve banks" is made-up of cash on hand in the amount of

$2,292 and $16,408 due from The Merchants and Planters Bank of Pine Bluff.

The 1928 notes receivable account as shown at the end of each month, in dollar amounts and in percentages, almost spells out the word, FARMER. The balance of $17,722.87 on January 1, 1928 reflects an almost dormant state. The small increase in loan balances in January was mostly borrowed for non-agricultural purposes. There was no real net differences made, in loan balances, during the month of February.

March showed that the farmers were into the planning stage for their new crop year. This resulted in the bank's most active month for advancing loans to the farmer.

The sale of summer produce by the farmers had little effect on the bank's outstanding loans. Several non-farm loans in May and August increased the loan account a few dollars. By the end of August the note account was at the highest level of the year.

The cotton harvest began in September and resulted in the reduction of the bank's note account. By January the loan business was back to the "almost dormant state" again. Most farming was also at a standstill.

During the summer months some farmer's checking and note ledger sheets were coded with signs that seemed to indicate they were bad pay. In the fall, the farm customer's credit was reevaluated. Their account sheets were marked with yet another symbol meaning bad credit. The codes thus far were B/P (bad pay) and B/C (bad credit).

It was difficult to understand why most of these people were labeled as poor credit risk. Most were paying their obligations in full. Those that were not paying in full were nickel and dimeing themselves out of debt over an extended period of time. Many also managed to put a few dollars into their checking account.

After much pondering the whys of the labeling of those accounts, this D/A realized that the codes had nothing to do with credit ratings. They merely indicated that the accounts were being credited with proceeds from the sale of B/P (bushels of potatoes) and B/C (bales of cotton).

Those secret codes should have been ciphered long before they were. It had already been easily determined that C= Colored, RH= road hand, BM= Baptist minister, MP= Methodist preacher, D= driller, MH= mill hand and T meant teacher.

There was one other code that was a bit troublesome, even thought the meaning was thought to be known. The code, S/H, was assigned to a man who was a teacher, as was his wife. Why wasn't he given the letter T like she was?

This couple made more loans that year than would have been expected of them. The loans may have been made because they were in the process of sprucing up their new home. School teacher's warrants were having to be discounted at that time, so it may have been cheaper (because of usury laws) to pay interest on a loan than it would have been to discount their warrants. Whatever the reason for the loans, it was wondered if the man had made a pest of himself by making so many loans, sometimes renewing them and causing a lot of extra work for the cashier. Could all these little things combined

have caused a dirty little moniker to be attached to his name? S/H could have had many connotations. But, its meaning was explicit: Smith-Hughes!

Checking account balances, as presented here, don't necessarily mean much. An account may have had thousands in it one day and an overdraft the next. A farmer may have carried a very modest balance in his account all year round, but have had a substantial amount in a time certificate. A merchant may have had a large balance but owed thousands. It could be it was in reverse, a small checking balance, a small or no debt and a large inventory.

Farmers probably accounted for 98% of bank loans, but, others were frequent borrowers, especially school teachers. Some of those on the books were sawmill operators, cotton ginners, the town marshal, blacksmiths, garage operator, a few lady farmers, cattle buyers, loggers, students, housewives, road contractors and both of the town doctors, at least one of whom also farmed.

Probably the most interesting and revealing account is that of the cashier check register. A sampling of the 1918 account is given. It is surprising the large amount of clothing that was bought through the mail and the small amounts of some of the checks issued.

The income and undivided profit statement for 1928 shows a net profit of almost 7% of outstanding stock. Seventy-two percent of the year's profit was paid out in dividends. The dividends amounted to 5% of outstanding stock.

General expenses of $1,704.13 was 45.18% of gross revenue. A salary of $87.50 per month or $1,050.00 per year was 62% of the total expenses. Pine knots for the year cost a total of $2. State auditors examined the bank books twice a year, charging $30 for each examination.

Postage stamps must not have been closely controlled, as the yearly postage expense skyrocketed to a total of $4.18.

A straw broom costing $1.25 was purchased from Phillips Brothers Mercantile to sweep up money at night that had been dropped on the floor during the day. With that kind of control they didn't even have to carry an over and short account, except on margins of the hand posted ledger sheets.

From the time the bank opened in 1913 until it closed in 1932, there was five cashiers. They are listed here in the chronological sequence they served the bank: Leslie J. Savage, Milton L. Smith, John C. Riley, Harville Evans and Wiley J. Powell. Several of these men can be read about here in, THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JOHN C. RILEY.

There is a hand drawn map in existence which depicts Fountain Hill around 1900 to 1910. It identifies one building as '1910 Bank'. Also housed in that building was Top Bolling's bowling alley and "Mac" McKoin's barber shop. This building was located on the east side of what was then the road running north and south through Fountain Hill (the Monticello road). That section of the old road is now the northern end of North Pine Street, past the "jag" at the intersection of Longview Road.

The ownership of that bank, or any connection it may have had with the 1913 bank is unknown.

(BLDG)

FOUNTAIN HILL BANK-ESTABLISHED 1913
CAPITAL STOCK AUTHORIZED: 1000 SHS @ $25. PER SHARE= $25,000
CAPITAL STOCK ISSUED 1913: 400 SHS @ $25. PER SHARE= $10,000

MONTH ISSUED	CERT. No.	SHARES ISSUED TOTAL	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DOLLAR AMOUNT TOTAL	OWNER	OCCUPATION	BURIED
JAN.	1		$900	$	* GATES, E. W.("CAP" EDGAR WOODWARD)	Z	132
"	2	40	100	1,000	" " " "		
"	3	20	500	500	WATSON, D. E. (DAVID)	M	89
"	4	4	100	100	PHILLIPS, M. V. (MARGARET VIRGINIA DOWNEY PHILLIPS-SMITH)	P	72
"						W	
"	5	20	500	500	* DILLARD, L. W.	A(1st buried AT HAMBURG THEN AT LITTLE ROCK	89
"	6	8	200	200	BUTLER, TURNER		
"	8	10	250	250	WOODS, J. R. (JAMES)	F	56
"	9	6	150	150	EVANS, C. R. (CHARLES)	F	72
"	12	4	100	100	BROWN, S. A. (SAMUEL)	F	72
"	13		250		* PIERCE, A. G. (GUS)	S	
"	14		250		OLIVER, HOGAN		
"	15	20	250	500	" " "	M	72
"	16	4	100	100	PIERCE, TRAVIS	F	179
"	17	4	100	100	DENSON, R. L. (RUFUS LUTHER)	M-F	302
"	18	4	100	100	DENSON, E. E. (ELMER ELY)	D	72
"	19	10	250	250	* SMITH MD, M. L. (DOCTOR SMITH)	B	
"	20		250		*(**)SAVAGE, LESLIE J.	F	72
"	22	10	250	250	DEAL, J. W. (JOHN)	F	72
"	23	16	400	400	PIERCE, F. (FRANK)		72
"	25	8	200	200	LOCKE, MRS. JENNIE (SARA JANE BENSON COBB-LOCKE)	F	164
"	26	10	250	250	RILEY, J. N. (JAMES)	F-G	72
"	27		500		* MEARS, G. W. (GEORGE)		
"	28		500		" " "		
"	29	60	500	1500	" " "	M	72
"	30		500		* PIERCE, A. A. (ARTHUR)		
"	31		500		" " "		
"	32	60	500	1500	" " "		
"	34	8	200	200	OGLESBY BROS.	F	56
FEB.	10		100		POWELL, J. T.		
"	11	8	100	200	" "	B	
"	21	20	250	500	SAVAGE, L. J. (LESLIE)	F	179
"	?	1	25	25	WHITE, EATMAN		
MAR	?	8	200	200	ALLEN, J. L.		
"	?	4	100	100	HARRIS, J. W.		
"	?	4	100	100	CURRY, JACK		
"	?	4	100	100	DISHOUGHN, JEFF		
"	?	3	75	75	ROSS, J. B. (JESSE)	F	72
"	?	4	100	100	SPENCE, J. L.		
DEC.	?	18	200	450	PIERCE, A. G. (GUS)		
TOTALS		39	400	$10,000	$10,000		

* DIRECTORS AT ONE TIME
** CASHIER / MANAGER

(PO) FRANK E. DENSON

A=ATTORNEY	56= EDEN
B=BANKER	72= FLAT CREEK
D=DOCTOR	89= HAMBURG
F=FARMER	132= LAKEWOOD
G=GINNER	164= MT. OLIVE
M=MERCHANT	179= NORRIS HILL
P=POSTMASTER	302= ZION
S=SHERIFF OF ASHLEY CO. & AUDITOR OF STATE	
W=WHOLESALE GROC.	
Z=MANAGER CROSSETT LBR. CO.	

STATE OF ARKANSAS
STATE BANK DEPARTMENT

C. G. Mears President, and W. J. Powell.

/e, _____

ashier or Secretary of the above named bank, do hereby certify that below is a full and complete list of stockhc
ie amount of stock held by each: January 12,1923.

NAME	RESIDENCE	OWNED SHARES	PAR VALUE SHARES OWNE
C. G. Mears	Fountain Hill, Ark.	42	1,050.00
G. W. Mears, Estate	" "	106	2,650.00
L. W. Dillard	Monticello	72	1,800.00
Mrs Ladelle Bonner	"	2	50.00
Miss Louis Allen	"	2	50.00
D. E. Watson	Hamburg	20	500.00
J. N. Riley	"	10	250.00
C. J. Brown	Dermott	4	100.00
F. M. Pugh	Hamburg	20	500.00
Phillips Bros.	Fountain Hill	16	400.00
A. A. Pierce	"	13	325.00
A. G. Pierce	"	20	500.00
J. B. Ross	"	7	175.00
Mrs Frank Pierce	"	16	400.00
J. W. Deal	"	10	250.00
E. E. Duncan	"	4	100.00
J. T. Powell	"	8	200.00
Mrs M. Y. Smith	"	4	100.00
W. J. Powell	"	5	125.00
Carried in Real Estate account, previously owned by H.L. Dawkins		19	475.00

THE ORIGINAL LIST OF THE (1913) FOUNTAIN HILL BANK STOCKHOLDERS ARE SHOWN ELSEWHERE. THIS LIST IS THE LAST ONE FILED WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE BANK DEPARTMENT.

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The paid in capital stock of this bank is now $10,000
(The sum of items in right hand column should equal paid in capital)

FOUNTAIN HILL BANK
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER,31 1918 1928

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS	$23,209.33	$22,564.65
LOANS ON REAL ESTATE	10,000.00	
LOANS ON COTTON	200.00	
OVERDRAFTS, SECURED & UNSECURED	28.25	21.19
U. S. BONDS	2,015.00	
COUNTY WARRANTS	69.77	767.69
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	1,443.20	900.00
BANKING HOUSE	2,000.00	1,500.00
DUE FROM BANKS NOT RESERVE AGENTS	19.90	
CASH AND DUE FROM RESERVE BANKS	6,499.72	18,700.06
TOTAL.....	$45,485.17	$44,453.59

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL STOCK, PAID UP	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
SURPLUS FUND CERTIFIED	2,000.00	1,000.00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS	925.59	272.77
BILLS PAYABLE	5,000.00	
DEPOSITS ON WHICH MORE THAN 4% IS PAID	3,000.00	
INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS INCLUDING PUBLIC FUNDS	16,943.09	23,171.78
TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	6,716.87	9,631.81
CASHIERS CHECKS	899.62	331.20
TRANSIT		46.03
TOTAL.....	$45,485.17	$44,453.59

FOUNTAIN HILL BANK
COMBINED INCONE AND UNDIVIDED PROFIT STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 1928 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1928

UNDIVIDED PROFITS JANUARY 1, 1928			$ 82.19
INTEREST AND DISCOUNT EARNED		$3,770.56	
GENERAL EXPENSES-SEE BELOW (1)	$1,704.13		
LOSSES	79.20		
INTEREST PAID	537.73	2,321.06	
		1,449.50	
FIXED ASSET WRITE OFF (*)			
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	$517.49		
BUILDING	241.43	758.92	
		690.58	
DIVIDEND PAID- 5% OF FACE VALUE		500.00	190.58
UNDIVIDED PROFITS DECEMBER 31, 1928			$272.77

(*) THERE SEEMED TO BE NO RULES OR GUIDELINES FOR WRITING OFF THESE ACCOUNTS

(SURPLUS)

GENERAL EXPENSES PER ABOVE (1)

SALARY- 87.50 PER MONTH		$1,050.00
TAXES		
	253.21	
FRANCHISE TAX	11.00	
TAXES ON LOTS	6.36	
BANK EXAMINERS-TWO AUDITS	60.00	
15,000 ENVELOPES	22.55	
ADVANCE PRINTING CO.	46.27	
MISCELLANEOUS- 12 ITEMS	46.31	
RECORDING MORTGAGES	43.95	
GUY NOLLEY INSURANCE	45.03	
TYPEWRITER CO.	16.00	
CHECK BOOKS	14.55	
TELEPHONE	14.82	
H. G. PUGH CO.	14.02	
ASHLEY COUNTY LEADER- PUBLISHING 4 STMT. OF CONDITION	12.00	
TIME LOCK	10.00	
SCHOOL PAPER-ADVERTISING	9.60	
A. L. PHILLIPS	5.00	
FUEL-FIRE WOOD 4.50, PINE KNOTS 2.00	6.50	
BANKERS ASSOC. DUES	5.00	
POSTAGE	4.18 (*)	
FREIGHT	2.53	
BRACE FOR ROOF	1.50	
TYPEWRITER RIBBON	1.50	
PHILLIPS-STRAW BROOM	1.25	
ARKANSAS BANKERS	1.00	
EXPENSES OTHER THAN SALARY.....		654.23
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES INCLUDING SALARY.....		$1,704.13

(*) APPARENTLY CHECKING ACCOUNT STATEMENTS WERE NOT MAILED OUT IF THIS WAS THE TOTAL YEARLY POSTAGE EXPENSE

FOUNTAIN HILL BANK
NOTES RECEIVABLE
1928

JAN. 1, 1928	$17,722.87	44.94 %
JAN. 30	20,383.64	51.68
FEB. 29	20,547.57	52.10
MAR. 31	33,577.33	85.14
APR. 30	34,678.26	87.93
MAY 31	37,002.85	93.83
JUN 30	36,760.55	93.21
JUL 31	37,726.04	95.66
AUG 31	39,436.20	100.00 %
SEP 30	32,952.52	83.55
OCT 31	26,885.04	68.17
NOV 30	24,807.87	62.90
DEC 31	22,564.65	57.21

(SURPLUS)

ANDREWS, R S 4
ALLDREAD, SCOTT S 31
, GUY 14
ANTHONY, A E 45
ADCOCK, H H 13
ADKINSON, L E 9
ALLEN, W A 16
, J M 62 (1)
ALLISON, J D 16
BARNES, MATT 6
BOYD, HERBERT 3
, RAY 6
, REE 3
, BERNICE 3
, Y P 2
, JOHN W 1
BROWN, SAM 24
, J K 4
, MRS C C 5
, ELOUISE 2
, MRS C M 82
, D D 6
, NORMA 4
, J H 188
,R O 7 (C/1)
BROOKS, MRS R L 25
, WILLIE JOE 5
BLEDSOE, E C 3
, A R 30
BASS,R K-MISSIONARY 0
BOLIN, H H 16 (1)
, J A 22
, R C 26
, RILEY 12
, ROY 8
BAKER, L M 17
BERRY, MRS J N 31
, NED 6
, R L 22
, CLIFTON 4
BRYAN, D M 24
, MRS J M 18
, FRANK 23
BANKSTON, J L 27
, MERCIL 0
, MARVIN 5
BAIN, J J 17
BURKS, ARTHUR 4
BOYKIN, H L (T) 20 (T)
BINNS, W W 34
CONE, JESSE 40
, A E 50
, MILTON 6
CLARK, T J 16
, ARCHIE 12
CRAIG, R L 12 (1)

CARPENTER, STALEY 8
CASON, JACK 57
, E M 29
CRAWFORD STATE BANK 51 (B)
COLLIER, GEORGE 3
COUEY, R F 48
CRISP, HUEY 1
, FRANK 4
CRIGLER, T A 9 (T)
CAUSEY, E M 37
CUNNINGHAM, G T 30
, EDDIE 1
COLBERT,* JOHN 10
CESSOR, S C 5
COPE, G C 16
CROWE, J E 12
CHADWICK, A A 6
CRANE, HENRY A 14
, PHARMACY 77
DEAL, J W 120
, MRS J W 8
, T C 7
, JESSE 23
, JOHN 10
, CONRAD 0
DENSON, ORRENA 23
, N T 41
, LUTHER 12
, E E 8
, BESSIE 4
, " ,TREAS 4
, H S 23
, ZENOBIA 1
, FRANK E 22
DAWKINS, O E 84
, CLAUDE 0
, LEONARD 0
, VIVIAN 0
, H L & SON 115
, LEE 26
DAUGHERTY, MRS P T 40
, JACK 29
, ED 5 (2)
DEMPSEY, J H 0
DANIELS,*DOT 0
DOSS, W H 64
, ELMER 59
, C L 10
DANIEL,*LOUIE & GERT 2
,* TOM 11
,* L W 5
,* NATHAN 3
,* JAMES 58
,* CORA 1
DINGLER, LILA 11
DOWNEY, C N 32 (1)

(OD)

ETHERIDGE & WALSH 3000
EASTER, WILSON 2
ESTELLE, R W 29 (1)
, DEWEY 9
EVANS, A J 4 (1)
, C R 4 (1)
ELTON, J T 28
FORD, E M 9
, R P 5
, J J 38
FLEMISTER. F E 30
FIELDER, T M 17
FT. HILL SCHOOL 50
FRANKLIN,* JOHN 30
,* MOSE 61
,* JAMES 22
,*?EPHRAM 41
FT. HILL GIN CO. 200
FAY, B J 10 (HH)
FARMER, G W 0
FORSTER, E W 18
, KIRBY 8
FULTON, C K 35
" " GRANGE #13 6
GRAVES, CLYDE 11
, ED 95
, O H 1
, T O 44
,* NONEY 4 (G)
GRUBBS, R E 22
GIFFORD, J E 26
, JOHN 14
, MILTON 10
, R O 8
, FRANK 12
, MRS MARY E 12
GRIFFIN, J R 18
, F F 10
, E F 4
GARDNER, H L 1
, THOMAS-
SCHOOL PAPER 0
, JOHN-MONT-
ICELLO 30
, CLIFTON 94
, ESTELLE (T) 7 (T)
GARLINGTON, D F-- (D)
DRILLER 16
GRAHAM, MRS J H 25
, RUTH 3
GREEN, MARIE (T) 9 (T)
HARVILLE,H O OR H P 10
HACKNEY, MRS MARY E 30
HASKEW, MISS OLIVE 8
HANSON, E A 13

(OD)

HARVILLE, JOHN 21
HIGH, J S 38
, CLYDE 21
, HERMAN 5
, E M 81
, MRS E M 102 (L)
, SANFORD 5
, CHESTER 5
HARRIS, C E, TRUSTEE
ACCT FOR STATE
HIGHWAY DEPT 332
HAMMS, HAYWOOD
STATE ROAD HAND 22
HESTER, J R 79
, ALDEN 7
, NORMAN 0
HOOPER,* FRANK 0
HOLLIS, C B 10
HANEY, JOHN 10
, JOE 9
, MISS VALARIE- (T)
(T) 85 PER MO 12
HUNTER, J L 4
HOLLAND, JOE 3
, S W 0
INGRAM,* AMOS 23
,* CHARLIE H 7
,* BASCOM 41
,* BEVERLY 12
JONES, MRS LIMMIE 5 (1)
, J B 32
, R S 9
, MRS CLYDE-
DAUGHERTY 10
, JESSIE 5
, BENSON 0
JOHNSON, M J 10
, D N 8
, A R 15
JACKSON,* S J 11
JILES,* HENRY 6
JOLLY, L A 2 (4)
KING,* SAM 4
,* ROBERT 5
,* PETE 0
,* WINSTON &
GERTRUDE 2
KUSTURIN, JOE 60
KELLUM, ROBT E (MD) 33 (MD)
, FRANCES(S/S) 0 (SS)
, MRS R E 8
KNIGHT, J E 104 (1)
LOYD, A L 20
, Y H 24
LOWERY, J E 27

LOWERY, CLYDE 17
LOCKE, R L 12
, THERON 7
, JAMES 0 S/O JL
, J L 33
LAMBERT,* ARTHUR 22
,* CHESTER 2
LEWIS, C F 66
LANGFORD, D W 10
MILLER, J K 5 (2)
, B M 22
,* HENRY 8
,* SIM 32
,* LEWIS 28
,* WASH 0
MARTIN, NOEL 4 (2)
, GILL 36
, JOHN 4
,* HILL 27
,* GREEN 10
MOFFATT, C C 7
, E W 55
MOORE, ROY (SS) 2 (SS)
, JOHN 8 (1)
MORAN, FRED 19
MYERS, J J 24
MEEKS, R F 53
MEARS, OLIVER 210
, MRS OLIVER 5
, VANCE 40
, CORA 35
, I V 12
, G W 1398
, RUTH 0
MEARS & McCLAIN
MEDCALF, A H 6 (6)
MOSES, W E 31
MALLOY, MS ELIZA L 50 ???
, DEWEY 12
, G C 1 (1)
, R C 25
MORROW, J M 25
McCLAIN, WESLEY 11
, C L 17
, N D 31
, S L 20
, S W 4
, O R 22
, J C 13
, BERNICE 3
McGILTON, JOE 15
McKEIVER, W J 1
McMICHAEL, J J 23 (HH)
McPHEARSON, W W 24
NORSEY, W H 11

OGLETREE, MRS JOSIE 6
ODEN, T F 3 (1)
, J H 40 (1)
, G L 60 (1)
O'NEAL, A 5
OLIVER, CURTIS 6
, MRS L L 4
, VICTOR 6
, VICTOR, THE-
FOUNTAIN PAPER 2
OLIVER, L L 44
, ERVIN 10
, JACK 6
, J R 20
, MRS T J 34
PIERCE, A G 98
, DEWEY 35
, MABLE 0
, ATLAS AA JR 12
, ROY 30
, GWEN 7
, MRS FRANK 35
, CLIFTON 11
, A G 30 (HW)
, LORENA 0
, A A 9
, MRS A A 5
, TRAVIS 7
PEARSON, W C 14
, FRANK 0
, MAMIE 11
, VOLLIE 9
, H D 14
PHILLIPS, BROTHERS 188
, CLINTON 49
,* CALVIN 10
,* SALLIE &
LESLIE 12
, A L 6
, THOMAS 5
, ROBT AUGU-
STUS- 0
PENNINGTON, S R 18 (1)
, MRS T M 7
POUNDS, O B 11
PASTLETKWAITE, B B 5
PREUTT, MISS BUNA 10 (T)
POWELL, J T 24
, SIMPSON 1
, WILEY J 104
PIONEER LIFE INS 2 (7)
PAUL, AUGUST 5
, MRS A 11
PYRON LODGE 9
POWELL, W J 5 (TA)

(OD)

RILEY, JOHN-ASHLEY COUNTY TAX A/C 1203
RILEY, J N 62
, J A 19
, J W 136
RICE, M V 107
, T E 28
, FLOYD 3
RUFF, LON 24 (1)
ROBERTS, A L 18
ROSS, JACK 10
, OLLIE 3
, TOM 13
, J T 32
, J A 8
, J B 108
, HARVEY 10
, EVIE 8
ROBERSON, ZACK 54
RHODES, HAZEL 7
RICHARDSON, W M 15
RODGERS, W L 26
ROBINSON,* IDA 3
SIVILS, FLOYD 13
, J P 10
SAVAGE, LESLIE J 100 (B)
SHIPMAN, C L 25
STREETY, GRACE 7
SMITH, MISS J O 10
,* ANNIE MAE 6
, E K 5 (1)
, M L (MD)-- HAMLIN, TX 10 (MD)
SIMMONS,* W L 17
, LEOLA 3
,* TROY 11
, J H-JIM 12
STANLEY, WILLIE 10
, S H 10
, EB 23
, JASPER 4
SPENCER, LILLIE 10
STOVER, M M 6 (1)
SHELTON, T J 94
, ERNEST 30
, MRS ALICE 5
, DWIGHT 8
, W H 0
SAWYER, W P 18 (1)
SHEPLER, MRS A J- C/O JOE McGILTON 18
SCOTT, A D 8
, T L 72
SIMMONS, WL-LAMBERT ARTHUR/ ME CHURCH 18

(OD)

SIMPSON, REV. JOHN 7
SPARKS, RILA 1 (SS)
THOMPSON, E C 7
TULLOS, OLLIE 0
TUBBS, MRS SALLIE 16
TATE, AUDREY 3
, A L 4
, J H 12
TULLEY, J S 30 (2)
TRUSSELL, MAYARET 0
, I H 13
TRANTHAM, ZACK 52
TURNER, LEROY 15 (5)
THOMAS, T T 40 (2)
UPSHAW, ED 24
, GRADY 49
, GEORGE 17
, C W 34
UPTIGROVE , C E 22
, G N? 5
, MRS E J 10
VOLZ, FRED 3 (HR)
WILSON, A H-HAMBURG 10 (5)
, W T (T) 60 (T)
, MRS-EASTERN-STAR 6
, MRS-HOME EC 3
, MRS CARL (T) 9 (T)
WHITE, R M 0
, R L 15
, GROVER 11
, V K(HI-WAY) 23 (HH)
WOOD, J B 56
, W A 50
, GUY 15
, WAYNE 12
, W M 109
, MRS LENA L " " COMMUNITY CLUB 4
, MRS ALLIE 6
, " " P T A 0
WHITE, M J-WILMAR 13
WOODS, WILSON 0
, J R-HAMBURG 32
, JOHN JR 1
WILLIS, BART 17
, LEMMIE 10
WIGLEY, F T 85
, WALTER 4
, JOE 35 (JA)
WELCH, W M 63
, W H 18
, L A 6
WOOD, BRUEN & DURELL 25

WATKINS, J W 5
, E C 92
WISCARVER, HARRY-
BY JEWEL SANDERS 5
WOLF, A H 7
WALKER, J T 24
WASHINGTON,* A L 5
,* EARNEST 4
RED CROSS 7

WHEELER, J ? 4
WARE, D W 62
, DALTON 7
YELVINGTON, T M 10
, C G 2
, DAN 6
, JOHN 26
YOUNT, MISS HATTIE 25 (T)
ROBERSON,IDA-COLORED
WOMENS MISSIONARY
SOCIETY 1

THE ABOVE NAMES ARE PEOPLE THAT HAD A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH THE FOUNTAIN HILL BANK IN 1928. ADD A ZERO TO THE FIGURE FOLLOWING THE NAME TO GET THE HIGHEST BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT DURING THE YEAR. EXAMPLE

4=	$ 40
10=	100
104=	1,040
1203=	12,030

(1) MILO
(2) LADELLE
(3) MONTICELLO
(4) WILMAR
(5) HAMBURG
(6) CROSSETT
(7) LITTLE ROCK
(8) CRAWFORD, COLO
C/1 C/O L L OLIVER
(B) INTEREST BEARING
(HH) HIGHWAY HAND
(HJ) HIGHWAY JOB
(HR) HIGHWAY RENT
(G) ALSO KNOWN AS GRAY
(D) OIL DRILLER
(TA) TELEPHONE A/C
(MD) MEDICAL DOCTOR
(T) TEACHER
(JA) JOB ACCOUNT / BUSINESS A/C
(SS) SUNDAY SCHOOL

* THIS INDICATES THAT THE LEDGER SHEET HAD THE LETTER "C" FOLLOWING THE NAME.

(L) $1,000.00 OF THIS ACCOUNT IS FROM LIFE INSURANCE PROCEEDS

A NEW HIGHWAY WAS BEING BUILT THROUGH FOUNTAIN HILL AND A FEW TRANSIENTS WERE BANKING WITH THE LOCAL BANK.

FOUNTAIN HILL BANK
LOANS MADE
1928

JANUARY

JOHN HARVILLE	124	LILIE SPENCER	70	A O'NEAL	36
VANCE MEARS	200	JOHN ODEN	114	FRANK CRISP	35
WAYNE WOOD	110	RUSS BOYD	10	T J SHELTON	109
MS M V SMITH	150	J T POWELL	450	D D BROWN	20
J A BOLIN	273	F T WIGLEY	100	NED BERRY	48
A G PIERCE	100	C G MEARS	1500	N D McCLAIN	40
(((R W ESTELLE	104	ZACK ROBERSON	30	L L OLIVER	75

FEBRUARY

A G PIERCE	200	W T WILSON	125	MS TJ OLIVER	50
CURTIS OLIVER	37	VICTOR OLIVER	54	GILL MARTIN	246
C F LEWIS	101	MS C DILLON	25	MARIE GREEN	30
LUTHER DENSON	110	H HARVILLE	50	W L RODGERS	25
A E CARTER	103	M M BOLIN	125	W T WILSON	25
J S GRAHAM	20	FLOYD SIVILS	50	J W ALLISON	15
J T ROSS	269	R F COUEY	6	T J CLARK	40
G T CUNNINGHAM	10	M M BOLIN	125	J R HESTER	125
E M CAUSEY	405	R W ESTELLE	100		

MARCH

RAY GRUBBS	272	SALLIE PHILLIPS	205	J H ODEN	30
CLIFTON PIERCE	438	DEWEY ESTELLE	109	MARIE GREEN	30
N D McCLAIN	327	TROY SIMMONS	149	R J OLIVER	136
H S DENSON	163	W H DOSS ??	136	JOE HANEY	109
L WILLIS	109	R W ESTELLE	272	G W MEARS	2168
C C MOFFATT	45	R L LOCKE	136	R L LOCKE	82
LILLIE SPENCER	218	H C HARVILLE	164	MS GRAHAM	300
J L BANKSTON	218	TOM DANIEL	164	JESSIE JONES	75
NED BERRY	245	DEWEY MALLOY	136	T J SHELTON	217
C F LEWIS	650	WILL ALLISON	218	JOHN HANEY	109
JOE McGILTON	164	D M BRYAN	135	J B JONES	218
ZACK ROBERSON	299	JOHN HARVILLE	299	E M CASON	54
FLOYD SIVILS	218	MS T J OLIVER	245	MRS BROOKS	272
FRANK CRISP	104	T J CLARK	218	J M MORROW	16
JACK DOUGHERTY	192	ERNEST SHELTON	325	J E GIFFORD	294
H L BOYKIN	75	J A BOLIN	164	MARIE GREEN	15
WESLEY McCLAIN	164	VALORIE HANEY	50	T L FIELDER	191
FRANK GIFFORD	136	C B HOLLIS	715	A CLARK	164
N M RICHARDSON	294	D W WARE	326	JESS CONE	245
W F CARTER	193	R J CARTER	337	W L RODGERS	427
WILL SIMMONS	164	JOSIE OGLETREE	65	J M MORROW	271
J M MORROW	204	E E DENSON	84	J R HESTER	164
W H DOSS	208	R O BROWN	82	E M CASON	25
? W SHELTON	218	FRANK DENSON	110	E FRANKLIN	5
ISHIE PIERCE	6	VALORIE HANEY	70	MARIE GREEN	70
DEWEY PIERCE	288	ALDEN HESTER	108	L L OLIVER	515
TRAVIS PIERCE	66	M L SMITH M.D.	50	A PAUL	120

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S C CESSOR	98	W T WILSON	25	E C THOMPSON	20
R L WHITE	165	H L BOYKIN	50	D McCLAIN	50
MARVIN BANKSTON	50	J T WIGLEY	628	C PIERCE	30
A G PIERCE	25	ZACK TRANTHAM	325	VANCE MEARS	88
W T WILSON	25	J J BAIN	90		

APRIL

W M BARNES	109	J S HIGH	108	MARIE GREEN	50
V HANEY	30	A G PIERCE	150	HENRY TURNER	32
JOE HANEY	25	MARIE GREEN	65	E M CASON	25
E WASHINGTON	58	JACK CASON	200	J R HESTER	27
N D McCLAIN	582	WASH MILLER	110	MS KELLUM	85
VALORIE HANEY	40	E FRANKLIN	21	MRS BROOKS	440
CLARK AND BAIN	50	A A BURCH	10	W M WELCH	700
J M MORROW	25	H L BOYKIN	50	N T WILSON	50
J W WATKINS	154	A G PIERCE	100	E C CHADWICK	25

MAY

UPSHAW	16	UPSHAW	10	A A BURCH	163
C B DAVIS	63	MRS KELLUM	22	J E GIFFORD	30
MARIE GREEN	125	MISS HANEY	150	D ESTELLE	30
HARVEY ROSS	20	ELBERT ROBERSON	27	VANCE	30
H C HARVILLE	15	J W RILEY	150	A L LOYD	54
J W RILEY	520	ROY/A G PIERCE	300	D McCLAIN	67
OLIVER MEARS	700	RAY GRUBBS	15	MRS KELLUM	10
DAWKINS & SON	1500	DAWKINS & SON	491	MRS SIVILS	5
MAMIE PEARSON	15	D PIERCE	158	D ESTELLE	28

JUNE

H L BOYKIN	16	W T WILSON	90	E C AIKEN	238
DOCTOR KELLUM	33	J S HIGH	105	J T POWELL	100
M C FOX	106	JOHN ESTELLE	7	J T ROSS	25
R E ESTELLE	15	W T WILSON	100	NED BERRY	20
J W ALLISON	10	WES McCLAIN	10	A E CARTER	39
J T POWELL	50				

JULY

VANCE AND G W	71	J S HIGH	150	? ? POWELL	100
F T WIGLEY	14	J L BANKSTON	40	ARCHIE CLARK	10
DAN YELVINGTON	20	JOHN HARVILLE	25	MRS GRAHAM	20
HARRISON/HAINEY?	5	JOE McGILTON	10	R W ESTELLE	30
J H ODEN	30	J L FIELDER	23	J E GIFFORD	23
E FRANKLIN	47	M L SMITH M.D.	100	GENE AIKEN	229
E M CASON	25	GREEN	15	A O'NEAL	36
SMEAD ROBERSON	21	DEWEY PIERCE	100	EB STANLEY	68
J T POWELL	40	A G PIERCE	110	J M GARDNER	300
Z ROBERSON	15	J T ELTON	25		

AUGUST

JACK CASON	130	J J MYERS	25	JOHN ODEN	25

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MRS JOE SIVILS	10
POWELL	250
L A WELCH	5
H L DAWKINS	50
McENROE/DOUTHERT	276
O'CONOR BROS	525
LUTHER DENSON	10
ZACK TRANTHAM	25
OLIVER MEARS	400
J E LOWRY	130
J T POWELL	45
VANCE	25
JESS DEAL	15
J J FORD	741
D PIERCE	60
A PAUL	8

SEPTEMBER

D McCLAIN	100
J S CROWE	15
LEROY TURNER	155
L DENSON	10
Y P BOYD	15
A C SHARP	200
L WILLIS	10
S E POWELL	250
J L WOOD	4
RAY GRUBBS	166
DEWEY PIERCE	50
R W ESTELLE	15
D PIERCE	83
MRS SIVILS	5
H L BOYKIN	102
DR M L SMITH	52
DEWEY PIERCE	60
D PIERCE	

OCTOBER

J E CROWE	25
W E MOSES	50
J E CROWE	40
NATHAN DANIEL	105
LELA DINGLER	25
G H UPSHAW	9
DEWEY PIERCE	40
J L LOCKE	15
J W RILEY	150
MRS SIVILS	5
W B ESTELLE	25

NOVEMBER

J E GIFFORD	50
N W GIFFORD	47
E E DENSON	15
E M CASON	25
W T WILSON	101
L K DANIEL	25
PHILLIPS BROS & A G PIERCE	600
W E MOSES	150
C F LEWIS	113
J J BAIN	63
HENY PIERCE	25
W T WILSON	50
ED UPSHAW	9
JAMES DANIEL	63
H S DENSON	15
GRADY UPSHAW	20
GRACE STREETY	75
ESTER GARDNER	75
L L OLIVER	25
J E CRANE/SCHOOL	125
JOHN SIMPSON	38
JOHN ODEN	88
J J FORD	300
DEWEY PIERCE	25
H C HARVILLE	36
GRADY UPSHAW	12
W F COUEY	213
W E MOSES	50
VANCE MEARS	123
HILL MARTIN	21
DEWEY PIERCE	32
W T WILSON	50
GRADY UPSHAW	17
S L McCLAIN	27

DECEMBER

J E CRANE	25
E SHELTON	50
RAY GRUBB	181
MRS W T WILSON	101
MAMIE PEARSON	175
L DENSON	15
DR. KELLUM	25
MRS SIVILS	10
J E CROWE	25
GRADY UPSHAW	137
?????????	74
G W MEARS	726
GRADY UPSHAW	23
DEWEY ESTELLE	87
JOHN HARVILLE	58
GRACE STREETY	75
T J SHELTON	175
TOM DANIEL	10
DEWEY PIERCE	179
C PIERCE	142
VANCE MEARS	667
JOE HOLLAND	137
FRANK BRYAN	30
W T WILSON	100
CROWE	125
T J CLARK	108
EST GARDNER	75
WILL ALLISON	20
J L MYERS	25
T J EVANS	11
A A PIERCE	242

(NOTES)

FOUNTAIN HILL BANK
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

DATE	ISSUED TO	CERT	AMOUNT	RATE	MOS. TIME
1915					
3-31	RUTH MEARS	134*	6.00	4%	12
1916					
3-11	MRS JESSIE BROOKS	144*	40.00	"	"
9- 9	MRS TUBBS	303*	80.00	"	"
11-15	ANNE LAURA, MARTHA & BESS SAVAGE	139*	24.12	4	12
1917					
1-10	E. W. GATES	150	250.00	"	"
1-10	MRS M. L. SMITH	151	45.00	"	"
1-23	MRS M. I. PYRON	152	86.00	"	"
1-23	ATLAS PIERCE	153	3.00	"	"
"	HOMER PIERCE	154	2.60	"	"
1-27	J. N. RILEY	155	500.00	"	"
2- 9	FANNIE LOU WOOD	156	10.00	"	"
" "	MRS G. W. UPTIGROVE	157	113.27	4	12
2-10	J. N. PEARSON	158	100.00	"	"
1-24	J. W. DEAL	159	300.00	"	"
3-13	R. P. THURMAN	160	300.00	"	"
3-14	JEFF ROSS	161	65.00	"	"
4-10	T. M. NORRIS	162	1,000.00	5	12
4-28	E. C. CHAVIS	163	416.38	5	"
5-18	C. K. FULTON	164	2,000.00	5	"
" "	MARY E. FULTON	165	2,000.00	5	"
5-19	H. M. McKOIN	166	50.00	4	6
8- 4	WILL MURPHY	167	15.00	4	6
8- 8	MRS M. I. PYRON	168	189.00	4	5
8-14	MRS E. J. ARRINGTON	169	50.00	4	1
9-15	MRS TUBBS	170	50.00	4	12
9-15	MRS TUBBS	171	64.00	4	12
9-22	MRS E. J. ARRINGTON	172	150.18		
10-12	HOMER PIERCE	173	5.00		12
"	ATLAS PIERCE	174	5.00		
10-24	MRS E. J. ARRINGTON	175	200.00		
12-20	S. BOLTON	176	100.00		
12-31	R. P. THURMAN	177	500.00		
1918					
1- 7	MRS M. I. PYRON	178	250.00		
1-19	JOHN W. DEAL	179	300.00		
1-25	R. P. THURMAN	180	350.00		
1-29	MARY DENSON	181	10.00		
2- 7	J. N. RILEY	182	500.00		
2- 7	P. J. DAUGHERTY	183	579.57		
2-13	T. M. NORRIS	184	2,700.00		12
2-15	F. L. WOOD	185	11.00		12
2-19	W. M. WOOD	186	1,626.31		6
2-22	ROY PIERCE	187	1.50		12
3- 4	MRS E. J. ARRINGTON	188	215.00		
3-13	" " "	189	15.00		
3-23	J. J. McDANIEL	190	5.00		12
3-24	MRS G. W. UPTIGROVE	191	170.00		6

3-29	MRS E. J. ARRINGTON	192	30.00	4%	1
3-30	H. J. BERRY	193	165.00	4	6
4-29	J. H. BROWN	194*	700.00	4	6
7-24	MRS L. E. CUNNINGHAM	196	1,000.00	4	6
9-23	W. M. WOOD	197	3,000.00	4	6
10- 4	SALLIE TUBBS	198	132.00	4	12
10-10	MACK CARPENTER	199	100.00	4	6
10-23	MARY DENSON	200	10.30	4	12
11- 6	DR. J. T. WOOD	201	500.00	4	4
11- 9	C. K. FULTON	202	1,500.00	4	12
" "	MRS C. K. FULTON	203	1,500.00	4	12
" "	T. V. SIVILS	204	2.00	4	12
12-14	MRS J. M. BERRY	205	700.00	4	12
1919					
1-20	JOHN W. DEAL	206	300.00	4	12
1-22	BIRTIS BARRETT	207	100.00	4	6
1-29	J. W. RILEY	208	500.00	4	12
1-30	HOMER PIERCE	209	9.30	4	12
1-30	ATLAS PIERCE	210	10.20	4	12
1-30	P. T. DAUGHTREY	211	600.00	4	12
2- 1	MRS SALLIE TUBBS	212	92.00	4	12
	(213 SPOILED)				
2- 1	MRS M. I. PYRON	214	100.00	4	12
2-18	FANNIE LOU WOOD	215	11.44	4	12
2-25	MRS J. M. BERRY	216	600.00	4	12
3-10	W. M. WOOD	217	3,000.00	4	6
3-13	ROY PIERCE	218	16.06	4	12
3-22	JOHN J. McDANIEL	219	5.20	4	12
4-10	MRS C. A. BURCH	220	400.00	4	6
4-17	TERRELL HACKNEY	221	6.12	4	12
5- 1	MRS T. J. OLIVER	222	400.00	4	6
5- 1	MRS E. J. UPTIGROVE	223	170.30	4	12
5-13	DR. J. T. WOOD	224	510.00	4	6
5-29	W. A. ROBERTS	225	270.00	4	6
6- 2	MAXINE HILL	226	55.00	4	6
6- 7	MRS J. M BERRY	227	300.00	4	12
6-21	MRS J. T. WOOD	228	400.00	4	6
7-22	ZACK TRANTHAM	229	500.00	4	12
7-30	MRS NANNIE BRYAN	230	125.00	4	6
9-13	W. M. WOOD	231	2,000.00	4	6
9-27	MRS SALLIE TUBBS	232	96.00	4	12
10- 6	JOHN C. RILEY JR.	233	1.00	4	12
10-18	JESSE B. ROSS	234	300.00	4	12
11-12	MRS C. A. BURCH	235	408.00	4	6
11-12	MISS BETTIE PRUITT	236	70.00	4	6
11-29	HARVEY ROSS	237	14.00	4	12
12-10	MRS J. W. BROWN	238	50.00	4	6
12-20	MRS J. M. BERRY	239	1,654.56	4	12
1920					
1-13	MRS J. M. BERRY	240	500.00	4	12
1-14	JOHN W. DEAL	241	300.00	4	12
2-10	P. T. DAUGHTERY	2	1,000.00	"	"
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4-27	JNO. J. McDANIEL	6	5.45	4	12
5-14	A. G. CASON	7	1,300.00	4	6

OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS
JUNE 10, 1920

# 134	RUTH MEARS	$ 6.00
208	J. N. RILEY	500.00
215	FANNIE LOU WOOD	11.44
216	ROY PIERCE	16.06
221	TERRELL HACKNEY	6.12
226	MAXINE HILL	55.00
232	MRS SALLIE TUBBS	96.00
233	JOHN CLARK RILEY JR	1.00
234	JESSE B. ROSS	300.00
237	HARVEY ROSS	14.00
238	MRS J. W. BROWN	50.00
239	MRS J. M. BERRY	1,654.56
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245	HOMER PIERCE	8.70
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247	T. V. SIVILS	2.10
248	AUBREY SIVILS	2.00
249	MRS E. J. UPTIGROVE	84.40
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252	R. P. THURMAN	1,000.00
253	MARY DENSON	11.00
254	BETTIE PRUITT	71.40
255	MRS C. A. BURCH	417.00
256	JOHN J McDANIEL	5.45
257	A. G. CASON	1,300.00
TOTAL		$10,623.83

CHECK # 209 IN THE AMOUNT OF $9.30 AND # 229 IN THE AMOUNT OF $500.00 HAVE BEEN PAID BUT CHECKS CAN NOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR

6-14	Y. P. BOYD	8	1,500.00	4	6
8- 7	J. N. RILEY (260 SPOILED)	259	500.00	4	12
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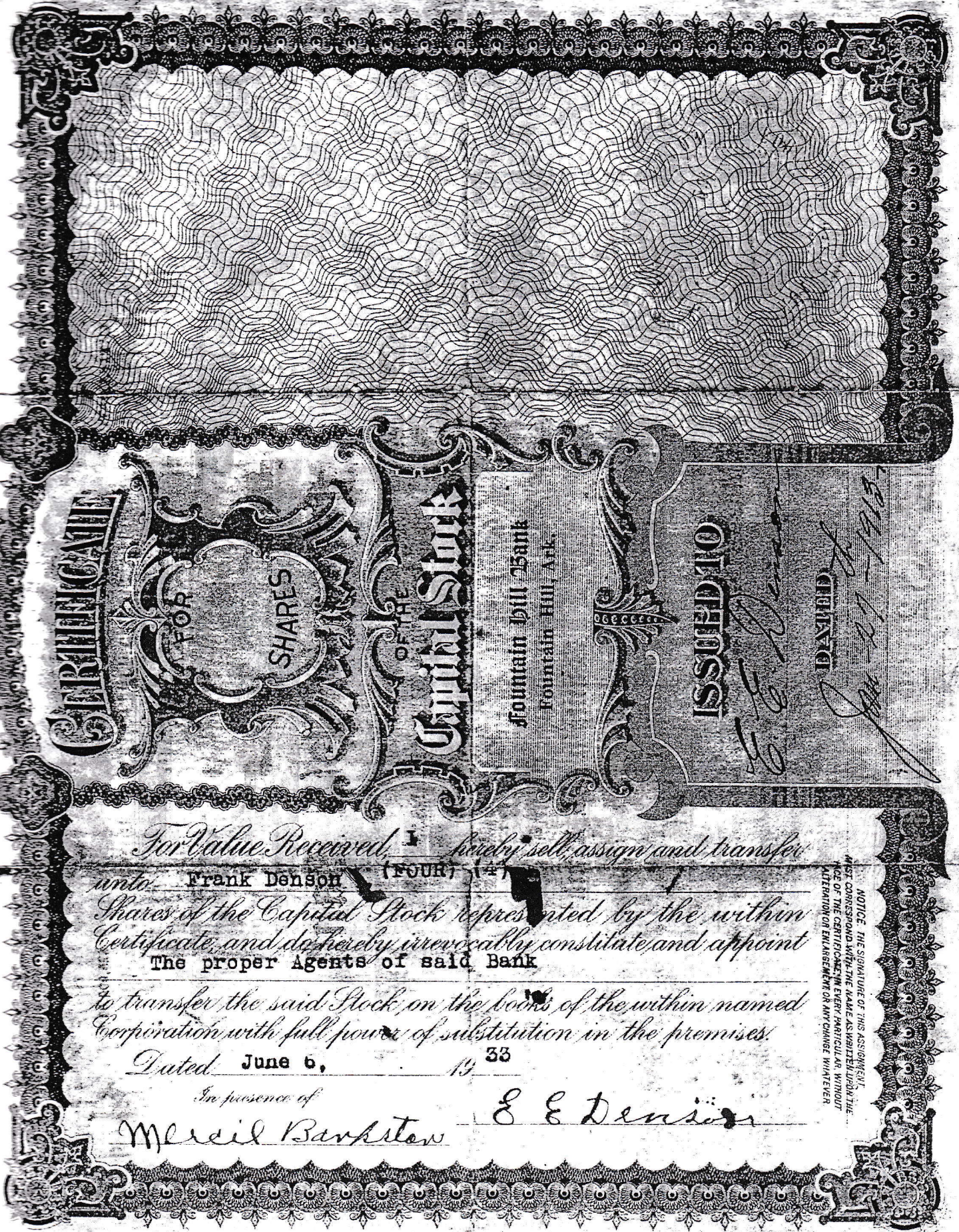


CERTIFICATE
FOR
SHARES
OF THE
Capital Stock
OF THE
Fountain Hill Bank
Fountain Hill, Ark.
ISSUED TO
DATED

For Value Received, I hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Frank Denson (FOUR) (4) Shares of the Capital Stock represented by the within Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint The proper Agents of said Bank to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated June 6, 33

In presence of

Merril Barkston

E E Denson

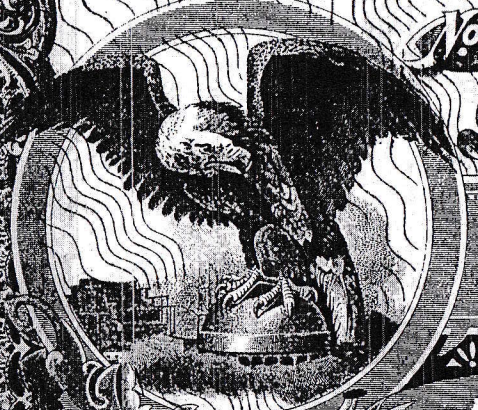
NOTICE. THE SIGNATURE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE, IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATEVER

CAPITAL STOCK $25,000.00

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

ARKANSAS

No. Shares



Fountain Hill Bank

FOUNTAIN HILL, ARKANSAS

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Four

is the owner of

SHARES

of One Hundred Dollars each of the Capital Stock of

Fountain Hill Bank

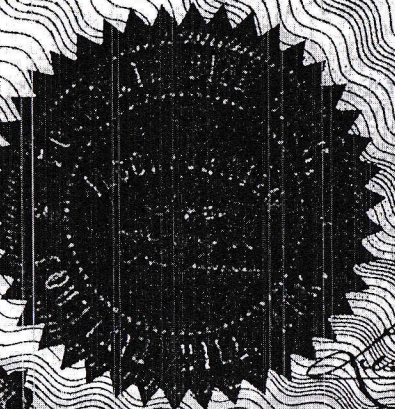
SHARES

transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

In Witness Whereof, The said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and to be sealed with the Seal of the Corporation this 2 day of January A.D. 1913.

E. W. Gates

President



SHARES $25.00 EACH

FOUNTAIN HILL SCRAP BOOK

COLLECTIONS OF FRANK E. DENSON

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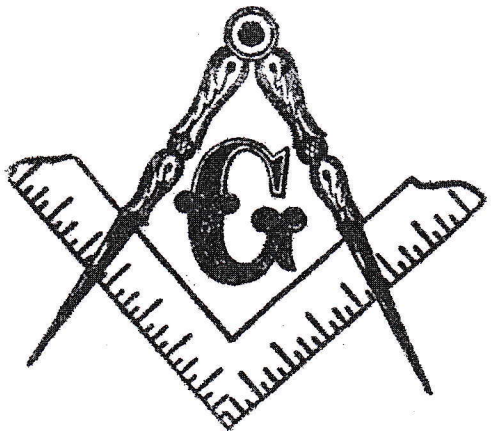


MASONIC LODGES AT FOUNTAIN HILL

MASONIC LODGES

The first masonic lodge in Ashley County was chartered at Fountain Hill four years after the Flat Creek Baptist Church was organized. Hickory Grove Lodge # 28 at Fountain Hill was chartered in 1849 and was merged with Hamburg Lodge # 61, ten years later, in 1859. The next lodge, Fountain Hill Lodge # 135, was chartered in 1873 and was defunct within twelve years, 1885.

Pyron Lodge # 669 was chartered in 1913 and was in existence for 73 years. On August 18, 1986 it was elected to merge Pyron with Hamburg's Prairie Lodge # 465. Pyron first met in the Woodmen of The World's hall which was located in the school building. The school at that time was located near where the Fountain Hill Branch of the First National Bank of Crossett now stands. It later met in the second story of the old Agri-Home Ec. building, located about where the cafeteria now stands on the present school campus.

It was thought that some charter members of Fountain Hill's Hickory Grove Lodge may be buried in the Flat Creek Cemetery. Four of the Masons buried there, Thomas M. Brown (b. 5-12-1812), B. M. Cox (b. 3-4-1825), Thomas B. Gardner (b. 2-28-1827) and John Newton Norris (b. 5-7-1824) were the right ages to have been charter members, but were not found to have been in Ashley County at that time (1850 census).

In browsing through remote cemeteries where prior Fountain Hill residents are buried, possible canidates for charter membership in Hickory Grove Lodge were looked for. The Sparks/Denson Cemetery is located at Sparks Crossing on Salt Creek (now known as Sulphur Creek) outside Lampasas, Texas. It contains 17 known graves. Among those graves is the grave of B. H. Carrol, the third pastor of the Flat Creek Baptist Church, and two of the other graves are those of charter members of the church. Prior residents of Fountain Hill who are buried there are:

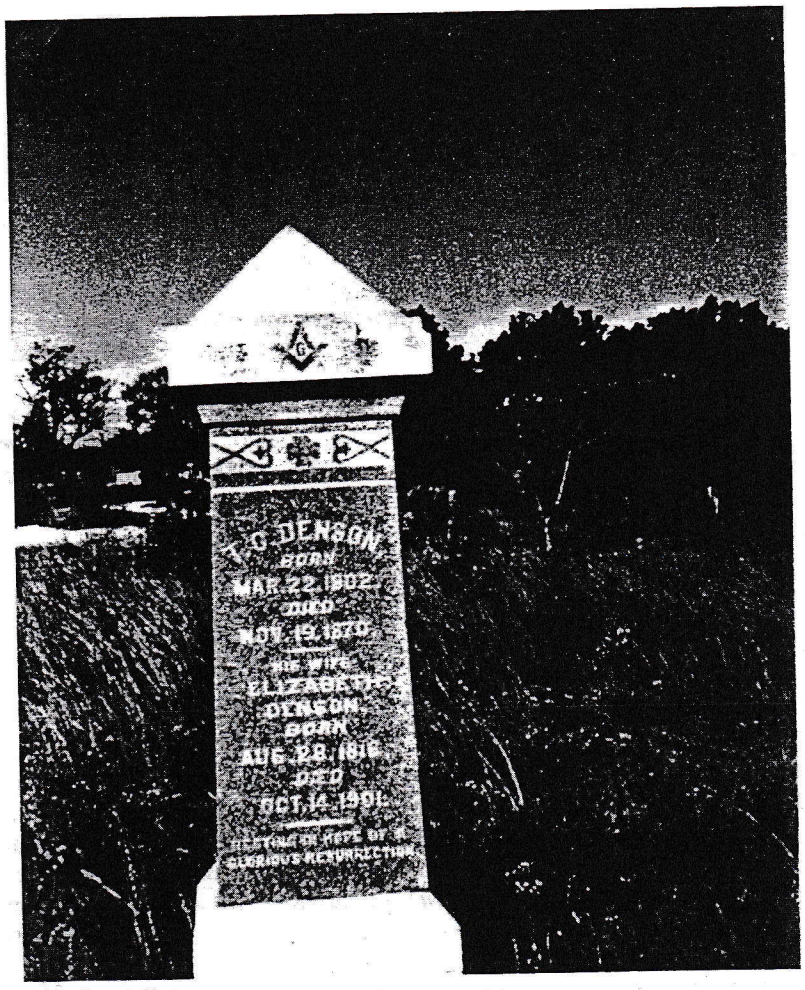
1. In Memory Sarah [Deal] Sparks, wife of Samuel W. Sparks Sr., died Nov. 20,1897 aged 86 years, 9 mos and 5 days.
2. Samuel W. Sparks Sr. born July 7, 1803, died August 19, 1871 [marker is now missing]
3. S. W. Sparks, Jr., Jan 30, 1839, died August 7, 1872 [Marker is broken and on ground.]
4. Elizabeth Sparks Denson Wife of S. T. Denson (1-21-1835/7-21-1861)
5. S. T. Denson (2-1-1833/3-31-1892) Marker at head with Masonic Emblem, Confederate marker at foot reads "Shadrack T(Thomas) Denson, Texas, Capt. Co D, 17 Texas inf. Confederate Army....."
6. Isaac Denson Sr Born June 11, 1793 died Nov 22, 1875
7. Rufus Denson Confederate marker reads "R. K. Denson, Texas Pvt. 17 Regt. Texas Inf. Confederate States Army Feb 24, 1824, Nov. 24, 1902". [He was the first clerk of the Flat Creek Baptist Church, a son of Isaac and brother of S. T. Denson.]
8. Reverend Carrol, mentioned above, is buried in a grave without a marker except for a low fence made of native stone.

No one buried in that cemetery who was identified as a Mason would have been a charter member of Hickory Grove Lodge # 28. The Pilgrim Cemetery at Elkhart, Texas was like Sparks/Denson. It was located near a creek, but didn't prove to have an early Mason that would have been a charter member of Hickory.

Next was Macedonia Cemetery on Possom Creek, near Granger, in Williamson County, Texas. Buried there was an old cattleman and Texas Ranger who picked his bride from Fountain Hill when it was still a part of Bradley County. It seems that in those days the young men joined the Texas Rangers like the boys joined the C. C. C's during the 1930's. Still no canidate was found for having been a charter member of Hickory Grove.

The Thomas C. Denson Cemetery, located on what was his farm, contains about 20 graves. It was beside a creek carrying his name. The farm is near the towns of Bartlett and Granger in Williamson County and is now owned by Amon Alfonse Stojanick. This cemetery holds Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin Denson, Doctors T. C., J. A. and T.H. Denson.

Here we found the grave of Thomas C. Denson who is thought (not verified) to have been a charter member of Hickory Grove Lodge # 28. His tombstone with Masonic emblems is shown here. He is the man who provided land for the Fountain Hill Academy. He was on the team appointed to select a location for a new county seat that would be more centrally located in the county than was Fountain Hill. He purchased the original 40 acres for the town site and was on the survey team to lay out the town of Hamburg, the present county seat.



T. C. DENSON
born
MAR. 22, 1802
died
NOV. 19, 1870
his wife
ELIZABETH
DENSON
born
AUG. 28, 1816
died
OCT. 14, 1901
RESTING IN HOPE OF A
GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

(BOTH BORN IN TENN.)

PYRON LODGE No. 669
FOUNTAIN HILL, ARKANSAS
PETITIONS and DEGREES 19,s

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH 1800 & 1900s	19___	19__	19___	DIMIT	RAISED
A. M. ADAMS	[B] 8-30-95		[I] 2-19-24	[F] 3- 7-24	< 7-03-25>	3-21-24 TEACHER
EARNEST H. ACUFF	[B] 9-23-92	[P] 10-11-47	[I] 11-25-48	[F] 10-20-48		1-14-49 MINISTER
J. N. ADAIR					< 3-04-21>	CHARTER
HILL H. ADCOCK					6-15-28	DIMIT LACEY #46
F. E. BAILEY					6-13-24	DIMIT LACEY #46 LADELLE
MACEL DEAN BAKER			[I] 4-22-50	[F] 5-12-50		5-27-50
VERNON E. BANKSTON		[P] 3- 6-20	[I] 5-01-20	[F] 6-05-20		7-12-20 [S] 10-17-24
LESLIE BATES		[P] 1-10-48	[I] 2-17-48	[F] 7-22-48		9-14-48
HENRY BERRY		[P] 7-14-22	[I] 8-18-22	[F] 9-01-22	< 9-19-24>	9-15-22
ROBERT LOUIN BERRY	[B] 12-05-90	[P] 12-22-51	[I] 12-01-51	[F] 2-01-52		2-23-52
TARLTON BIGGS		[P] 5-94-42	[I] 6-10-42			
FREDERICK LaVONN BINNS		[I] 10-06-41	[I] 11-25-41	[F] 3-24-42		4-28-42
GARLAND BINNS		[P] 1- 1-26	[I] 3-11-26	[F] 4-15-27		3-15-28
GRADY DANNELL BINNS	[B] 8-19-15	[P] 9-19-38	[I] 10-11-38	[F] 11-08-38	< 3-12-40>	12-05-38
LEON BINNS	[B] 8-22-09	[P] 6-10-42	[I] 7-28-42			
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A. R. BLEDSOE			[I] 3-06-20	[F] 7-31-20		1-21-21
JAMES HASKEL BOLIN			[I] 2-17-48	[F] 5-25-48		9-24-49
HENRY L. BOYKIN		[P] 10- 3-25		INGALS 713	1-01-26A	DIMIT INGALLS #713
V. S. BRIGHT					10-02-20	DIMIT EUREKA #40 MONTIELLO
R. L. BROOKS		[P] 3- 3-22-				
RAYMOND SHERMAN BROWN	[B] 9-29-30	[P] 6-27-52	[I] 7-26-52	[F] 9-12-52		10-06-52
MARSHALL ROSS BRYAN			[I] 1-30-71	PASSAGAULA #419		3-05-72
GENE FRANKLIN CARRUTH	[B] 10-19-37	[P] 9-12-81	[I] 11-09-81	[F] 12-28-81		3-01-82
A. G. CASON						DIMIT BEARHOUSE #209
JACK BROWN CASON		[P] 5-15-46	[I] 6-15-46	[F] 8-15-46		10-25-46
ROBERT EARL CASON						
VELMA C. "BOB" CASON		[P] 11-12-23				10-13-24
VELTON W. CASON	[B] 11-24-20	[P] 5-15-46	[I] 9-10-46	[F] 9-22-46		8-12-46
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JOE SPURGIN CHANEY	[B] 11-21-56	[P] 9-09-80	[I] 11-30-80			
ARCHIE CLARK		[P] 10- 3-24				
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A. E. CONE			[I] 7-31-20	[F] 9-04-20		10- 2-20
NORMAN J. CONE			[I] 10-15-27	[F] 10-05-27	<11-10-62>	11- 4-27 MENDEN, LA #51
J. J. COUEY					< 3-04-21>	CHARTER
ROBERT COUEY						
RUFUS QUINTON COUEY			[I] 11-26-48	[F] 2-22-49		3-12-49
HENRY ADOLPHUS CRANE, Sr.			[I] 11-28-19	[F] 6-26-27	2-11-56	7-11-28 UNITED #5 SPFIELD MO
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ROBERT L. DAVIS	[B] 1-04-17		[I] 11-21-41	[F] 7-23-46		10-27-47
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THOMAS V. DECKELMAN	9B] 12-14-37		[I] 4-08-59			
W. M. C. DECKELMAN			[I] 3-13-50	[F] 3-13-50	< 3-08-82>	6-09-50 NORMAL #722 MEMPHIS

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NATHANIEL LOCKE					[I]	9-02-29	[F]	9-27-29		10-18-29	[S]9-11-34[R]8-12-41
THERON LOCKE			[P]	8-12-47	[I]	9-13-47	[F]	10-13-47		11-28-47	
JAMES LOWRY	[B]	12-16-38	[P]	5-07-66	[I]	10-18-66					DOCTOR
LINSEY L. LOWRY			[P]	2- 5-21	[I]	3-18-21	[F]	4-15-21		7- 8-21	
DAVID AUTHOR McCLAIN					[I]	3-13-55	[F]	10-27-55		12-23-55	
W. DEE McCLAIN	[B]	8-02-80			[I]	9-16-27					
SAM L. McCLAIN					[I]	2-07-20	[F]	3-06-20	< 5-29-25>		
DOYLE McDOUGALD	[B]	8-02-14	[P]	11-13-45	[I]	12-18-45	[F]	2-12-45		3-08-46	
GRADY WILSON McDOUGALD	[B]	7-06-07	[P]	5-10-42	[I]	9-22-42	[F]	3-14-52		3-28-52	
ROGER McDOUGALD										10-01-67	
RONNIE DALE McDOUGALD	[B]	5-24-48	[P]	6-12-71	[I]	2-12-71	[F]	5-25-71		6-12-71	
JIMMY McKINNY	[B]	10-04-37	[P]	5-09-65			[F]	1-10-66		2-18-66	
H. (M) McKOIN					[I]	7-03-20	[F]	4-01-21		12-16-21	
DEWEY EDWARD McNIECE	[B]		[P]	4-01-47	[I]	4-22-47	[F]	10-25-47		11-27-47	[S] 11-10-50
RANDALL CURTIS MEEKS	[B]	7-18-49	[P]	4-24-73							
FRANCIS EARL MILLER	[B]	1-17-95	[P]	2-22-52-							
E. B. MILLER	[B]	8-04-97			[I]	2-19-24	[F]	3-14-24	< 1-25-49>	6-16-24	R. R. AGENT
ELMER WADE MOFFATT	[B]	12-15-29			[I]	2-15-57	[F]	6-14-57		1-17-58	
EARL MONTGOLF								CEDARTOWN, GA.	1-24-56	DIMIT	CALDONIA LODGE
J. D. MOORE			[P]	5-09-44							
CLAIBORNE MOSES	[B]	5-28-20								?	DIED 4-17-1974
ROLLO NIXON	[B]	9-14-09							12-13-47	DIMIT	ROVELAND ?? #594
ROBBIE JOHN OLIVER	[B]	3- 6-96	[P]	7-14-22-							
ALPHONSO O'NEILL	[B]	2-24-86	[P]	9-02-23	[I]	5-01-24	[F]	4-05-26		5-21-26	TEACHER
ARTHUR GEORGE NEW	[B]	9-21-10	[P]	5-26-42	[I]	6-20-42	[F]	4-14-42	< 5-09-44>	10-27-42	MINISTER
HENRY A. OUTLAW	[B]	8-21-46	[P]	5-25-71	[I]	7-06-71	[F]	9-12-72		12-21-74	
MORGAN ALONZO OUTLAW	[B]	9-15-39	[P]	8-10-71	[I]	10-05-71	[F]	9-12-72		11-08-75	
FRANK DOUGLAS PEARSON	[B]	5-16-45	[P]	5-10-77	[I]	8-09-77	[F]	9-13-77		10-25-77	
HENRY D. PEARSON						NEW ORLEANS, LA			1-18-29	DIMIT	FULLERTON #353
JAMES ALVIN PENNINGTON		9-09-14			[I]	9-09-55	[F]	12-30-55		1-13-56	
JIMMY LLOYD PENNINGTON		8-15-40	[P]	12-08-70	[I]	1-16-71	[F]	2-23-71		3-20-71	
MORRIS DONALD PENNINGTON		10-15-45	[P]	9-06-69	[I]	10-??-69	[F]	2-23-70		3-09-70	
CHASE A. PHILLIPS, Jr	[B]	11-03-26	[P]	9-22-50	[I]	10-28-50	[F]	11-18-50		12-29-50	
CLINTON D. PHILLIPS	[B[	1898			[I]	7-31-20	[F]	9-04-20		2-18-21	
LUCIAN L. PHILLIPS	[B]	6-03-03	[P]	7-24-24	[I]	8- 4-24	[F]	9-08-24		9-27-24	
PETER MAXWELL PHILLIPS		9-04-29	[P]	2-09-51							
BEDE PICKERING			[P]	9- 1-17>							
CLIFTON PIERCE					[I]	10-23-34					
LAWRENCE EARL POGUE	[B]	6-23-19	[P]	6-20-59							
N. J. POWELL									2-15-24	DIMIT	OUACHITA #116
HOWARD CONLEY RASH	[B]	1-04-01	[P]	12-14-51	[I]	1-11-52	[F]	2-29-52	<12-11-56>	10-26-52	MINISTER
GLYNN F. RIALS						MEMPHIS, TN			12-12-78	DIMIT	PARK AVE LODGE
DANNY WADE RICE	[B]	7-07-52	[P]	7-25-73	[I]	8-14-73					
T. H. RICE			[P]	1920		DIMIT IN & OUT (10-2-20			<8-4-22>	DIMIT	
WELDON RICE	[B]	5-14-28	[P]	4-11-58	[I]	5-17-58	[F]	8-08-58		12-27-58	
JOHN DOYLE RICHARDSON	[B]	3-30-41	[P]	3-27-73	[I]	4-10-73	[F]	6-08-73		7-07-73	
CHARLES HAMILTON ROARK		10-24-15	[P]	8-10-41	[I]	9-19-41	[F]	5-26-42		6-24-42	
JIMMIE DALE ROBERSON			[P]	3-19-56	[I]	5-11-56	[F]	10-12-56		10-26-56	

ZACK ROBERSON			[P] 10-22-47	[I] 11-25-47	[F] 6-08-48			8-09-48		
RAYMOND LEE ROBERTS	[B]	7-16-48	[P] 8-24-76	[I] 10-26-76	[F] 1-25-77			3-26-77		
FLOYD ROSS	[B]	8-17-11	[P] 11-09-43	[I] 11-08-48	RAISED AT SPRINGHILL, LA.				UNITED #5	
FLOY J. TALLMAN ROSS	[B]	8-10-11		[I] 10-16-45	[F] 7-10-46			8-16-46		
HARVEY ROSS	[B]	12-21-04		[I] 11-05-41	[F] 12-09-41			5-01-42		
JESSE ALLEN ROSS				[I] 4-24-54	[F] 5-14-54			5-29-54		
NORWOOD ROSS				[I] 10-19-56	[F] 11-24-56			1-11-57		
ELI SANDERS	[B]	1868	[P] 12-16-21-							
SEAF SANDERS	[B]	8-15-03	[P] 10- 3-24-							
LOUIE SANSING				[I] 1-24-48	[F] 8-09-48			11-12-48	PORTLAND #449	
JERRY DON SAVAGE	[B]	2-12-46	[P] 12-12-78	[I] 2-13-79	[F] 1-22-80			2-29-80		
JOE C. SAVAGE			[P] 12-10-54	[I] 2-04-55					DIED 4-12-81	
JOSEPH CECIL SAVAGE	[B]	6-12-25	[P] 9-14-51	[I] 10-20-51	[F] 11-03-51			11-10-51	= 22	
LESLIE J. SAVAGE								CHARTER		
E. C. SHELTON				[I] 10-15-48	[F] 11-23-48			12-14-48		
H. L. SIMPSON					BRIGHTSTAR, AR	4-15-21	DIMIT		OLIVE BRANCH #136	
CLAUDE E. SIVILS			[P] 1- 1-21	[I] 2-08-21	[F] 3-18-21			4- 1-21		
BOBBY EUGENE SLOCUM	[B]	1-30-43	[P] 12-12-78	[I] 2-13-79	[F] 2-26-79					
MILTON L. SMITH						< 9-30-21>	CHARTER			
LEONARD SMITH	[B]	11-02-02		[I] 3-30-43	[F] 11-09-43			3-21-52		
NELSON SMITH			[P] 6-16-22	[I] 7-14-22						
VIRGIL SMITH				[I] 12-16-56	[F] 6-14-57					
W. R. SMITH			[P] 10- 3-24							
EDDY RAE SPRY										
JERRY GLENN STANLEY				[I] 8-??-78				1-25-80		
C. T. STARLING			[P] 3-26-46							
GLYN D. STEVENSON										
ERVIN DOYLE STREETER	[B]	3-03-48	[P] 5-08-74	[I] 11-01-74	[F] 6-24-75			6-08-79		
J. M.(BILL?) TALENT				[I] 4- 1-21	[F] 2-03-22			3-31-22		
CHARLES KENNETH TRANTHAM									DIED 11-04-1981	
ZACH TRANTHAM			[P] 2- 1-19							
IRA G. TROUSDALE ?										
TRUSSELL ?			[P] 1- 1-26	[I] 3-23-26	[F] 4-16-26			1-23-28	RAISED BY WILMAR 518	
JOHN S. TULLY	[B]	6-06-74				10-12-43	DIMET		LACEY #46	
ED UPSHAW						5-04-23	DIMIT		OUACHITA #116	
GEORGE DEWEY UPSHAW							10-09-42	MERGE	OUACHITA #116	
FORQUE D. WALLS	[B]	9-29-??		[I] 8-10-23	[F] 3-07-24	< 6-04-26>		4-11-24	MILL WRIGHT	
JESSIE WITT WALLS			[P] 6- 4-26-							
DALTON WARE			[P] 8-12-47	[I] 9-03-47	[F] 10-13-47			11-05-47		
LEVI WELCH	[B]	3-24-02				10-09-42	MERGE		OUACHITA #116	
WILLIE W. WELCH						10-09-42	MERGE		OUACHITA #116	
W. M. WELCH			[P] 5-30-42			5-09-42	DIMIT		OUACHITA #116	
KENNETH NEIL WEST	[B]	1-03-26	[P] 11-24-50	[I] 12-22-50	[F] 1-26-51	< 8-22-52>		3-10-51		
STERLING EDITUS WHITE				[I] 9-13-54						
ASHLEY WIGLEY	[B]	1-15-13		[I] 6-27-24	[F] 6-03-25	< 4-26-49>		9-28-28		
JOE WIGLEY				[I] 6-16-22	[F] 9-01-22			1- 5-23		
JOE HENRY WILLIS			[P] 2-08-49	[I] 2-03-50	[F] 3-24-50	< 3-09-51>		6-16-50		
W. T. WILSON				[I] 9-19-27	[F] 10-17-27			10-26-27		
LEMMIE WILLIS			[P] 11- 4-27	[I] 10-08-28						
JOHN WITHERS			[P] 6- 3-16							
A. B. WOOD			[P] 5- 1-20							
ACK WOOD			[P] 7- 9-20							
JESSE THOMAS WOOD	[B]	12-25-78						1-??-21	MEDICAL DOCTOR	
JOHN L. WOODS	[B]	10-16-74		[I] 5-09-24	[F] 6-02-24			6-19-24		

[B] DATE OF BIRTH
[P] PETITION
[I] 1ST DEGREE
[F] 2ND DEGREE

BERRY, ROBERT LUEN. 1966.....DIED 12-9-69
BINNS, LAVON 1968.....1986
BOLIN, JAMES HASKEL 1966.....1986
BRYAN, MARSHALL, ROSS 1973.....1986
CASON, JACK.....1966.....1986
CASON, VELMA C. "BOB" 1966.....1975..DIED 9-21-1975
CASON, VELTON W.....1966.....1986
CHADWICK, ROBERT HUEY 1970 1972 DIED
CLARK, ORVIL.....1968.....1974 SNPD
CONE, AMOS EZRA.....HONORARY/DIED 1969
COUEY ROBERT.....DEAD
CRANE, HENRY A.....1966.....1972 SNPD
CRANE, HENRY A. Jr. .....SNPD
CRANE, JOHN G.....1974.....1986
DAVIS ROBERT L. Jr.....1966.....DIED 8-26-1981
DECKELMAN, WILLIAM C. 1966.DIMIT-NORMAL LODGR
#722 MEMPHIS, TN 3-8-1982
DENSON, FRANK ELMER 1966.....HORARY DIED 1-17-1983
DENSON, FRANK E. Jr... 1966.....1986
DUNEHAM. CHARLES 1968.....1974.SNPD
ELLIS, SHERWOOD VELTON 1966.....1986
EVANS, CHARLES CURTIS. 1966...HONORAEY DIED 5-21-1978
FLEMISTER, WALTER G. 1966...HONORARY DIED 2-25-1983
FLETCHER, LLOYD 1966.....---- SNPD
FORD, JAMES EVERETT 1966...HONORARY DIED 8-03-1983
M. L. GLENNON.....1966.....1986
GREGORY, O. GENE.....1980.....1986
HARTLEY, ALLEN.....1966.....1971 SNPD
HUDSON, FLOYD COLE.....1966.....1976 SNPD
JOHNSON, ABE FRANK.....1968.....1986
JOHNSON, DONNIE MARVIN 1971.....1986
JONES, JIMMY CARL.....1982.....1986
JUSTIN, RICHARD L.....1980.....1986
KELLEY, PAYTON 1966 1973 HONORARY
KNIGHT, DEWEY WILLIAM 1973.....1986
KNIGHT, HUBERT GLEN....1970.....1986
KNIGHT, THOMAS EDWARD 1970.....1983
LINDSEY, JOSEPH LEON 1980.....1986
LOCKE, JESSIE CALVIN SNPD
LOCKE, JULIAN.....1966.....1986
LOCKE, THERON.....1966.....1971 SNPD
McCLAIN, DAVID AUTHOR 1966.....1974 HONORARY.....1986
McDOUGALD, DOYLE N. .. 1966...HONORARY DIED 3-10-1986
McDOUGALD, GRADY WILSON1966.....DIED 3-24-1970
McDOUGALD, ROGER.....1966.....1986
McDOUGALD, RONNIE.....1971 1973 SUSP
McKINNEY, JIMMY.....1966.....1986
MOFATT, ELMER WADE, Jr.1966.....1986
MOORE, JEFF DAVIS.....SNPD
MOSES, CLAIBORNE.....1966.....DIED 4-17-1974
MOUNTGOLF, EARL 1077.....1986
NIXON, ROLLA C.....1966...HONORARY- DIED 3-6-1976
OUTLAW, HENRY A.....1975.....1981 SUSP
OUTLAW, MORGAN A.....1975.....1986

PEARSON, FRANK DOUGLAS 1977.....1986
PENNINGTON, JAMES ALVIN1966.....1986
PENNINGTON, JIMMIE LlOYD 71.....1986
PENNINGTON, MORRIS
DONALDSON 1970.....1986
PHILLIPS, CHASE---
AUGUSTIN, Jr. 1966.....1986
PHILLIPS, LUCIAN M. 1966...HONORARY-DIED 6-20-1979
RICE, WELDON LAAYETTE 1966.....1986
RICHARDSON, JOHN DOYLE 1974.....1986
RIELS, GLYNN RANKLIN...1978.....1986
ROBERSON, JIMMIE DALE..1966.....1986
ROBERSON, ZACK.....1966.. HONORARY-DIED 8-15-1983
ROBERTS, RAYMOND LEE...1977.....1983 SUSP 8 1986
ROSS, JESSIE ALLEN.....SNPD
ROSS, NORWOOD E.....1968.....1973..DIED ? ? ?
SAVAGE, JOSEPH CECIL 1966.....1980..DIED ? ? ?
SAVAGE, JERRY DON 1980.....1983 SUSP 8 1986
SAVAGE, LESLIE J. 1966..... DIED 1969
SHELTON, EARNEST C. 1966.....1986
SLOCUM, BOBBY EUGENE 1980.....1986
SPRY, EDDY RAE 1974.....1986
STANLEY, JERRY GLEN 1980.....1986
STEVENSON, GLYN D. 1973 1976 SUSP
STREETER, ERYIN DOYLE 1979.....1986
TRANTHAM, CHARLES KENNETH66.....DIED 11-04-1981
UPSHAW, GEO. 1968.....1969 SNPD HON. 1981
WARE, DALTON 1966..... 1986
WELCH, LEVI A. 1966.....DIED 1982
WOOD JESSIE THOMAS M.D.....HONORARY DIED 9-08-1969

(MERGE)

(Fulton)

IN MEMORIAM
of
OUR BROTHER, C. K. FULTON

"Who has gone from our midst to that Celestial Lodge above."

Brother C. K. Fulton was born in Oskosh, Wisconsin, August 13, 1860. At the age of twenty-one he moved to Minnesota where he remained until he came to Fountain Hill fourteen years ago (1915 ?). He and his wife traveled in a wagon south for his health, and being attracted by the hospitality of the good people where he camped just north of Fountain Hill, he purchased a home and settled down among them. He proved to be a fine character--a gentleman who loved his neighbors. He later united with their Church (Magnolia Methodist).

In 1926 Brother C. K. Fulton became a Master Mason in Pyron Lodge # 669. He was raised to that sublime degree on November 5, of that year. He and his wife were charter members of Fountain Hill Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star which was organized in January 1928. He remained a worthy member of both orders until his death which occurred on December 17, 1929.

Therefore: Be it resolved, that this lodge has lost a faithful, loyal and worthy brother and our community has lost a good neighbor.

and be it resolved, that a copy of this memoriam be spread upon our minutes and that a copy be sent to the county paper and to Our Brother's bereaved wife.

Resolution committee: W. T. Wilson
Rev. John Simpson
Frank E. Denson

Read and approved Jan. 3rd 1930

[From minutes of Pyron Lodge # 669 of meeting on January 3, 1930.]

-------- Letter from Mrs Fulton and was read and recorded.
Treasurer was instructed to pay F. E. Denson amount he was out for Masonic funeral flowers for Bro. Fulton.

(FULTON)

PYRON LODGE # 669 FOUNTAIN HILL, ARKANSAS
OFFICERS 1913 THROUGH 1986

OFFICE	12-06-1913	12-05-1914	12-04-1915	01-06-1917
W. M.	J. J. COUEY	J. J. COUEY	J. N. ADAIR	J. M. BERRY
S. W.	J. N. ADAIR	J. N. ADAIR	ED UPSHAW	S. L. McClain
J.W.	S. L. McClain	S. L. McCLAIN	J. M. BERRY	M. L. SMITH
TREAS.	LESLIE J. SAVAGE	L. J. SAVAGE	L. J. SAVAGE	J. J. COUEY
SEC'Y	M. L. SMITH	ED UPSHAW	J. J. COUEY	ED UPSHAW
S. D.	ED. UPSHAW			
J. D.	J. M. BERRY			
S. S.				
J. S.				
CHAP.	D. L. MALLOY			
TYLER				L. J. SAVAGE

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OFFICE	4-05-1919	1-03-1920	1921 FEB.	06-21-1921
W. M.	J. N. ADAIR	J. N. ADAIR	S. L. McClain	R. E. KELLUM
S. W.	S. L. McClain	S. L. McClain	R. E. McClain	H. L. SIMPSON
J. W.	ED UPSHAW	ED UPSHAW	V. S. BRIGHT	J. T. WOOD
TREAS.	M. L. SMITH	M. L. SMITH	J. T. WOOD	T. M. RICE
SEC'Y	J. J. COUEY	J. J. COUEY	J. . COUEY	V. S. BRIGHT
S. D.				N. T. DENSON
J. D.				CLAUDE SIVILS
S. S.				
J. S.				
CHAP.				
TYLER				

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OFFICE	06-02-1922	06-15-1923	06-13-1924	05-29-1924
W. M.	H. L. SIMPSON	H. L. SIMPSON	R. E. KELLUM	A. B. HOLLAND
S. W.	V. S. BRIGHT	V. S. BRIGHT	A. M. ADAMS	Z. B. MILLER
J. W.	N. T. DENSON	N. T. DENSON	A. B. HOLLAND	L. M. PHILLIPS
TREAS.	H. M. McKOIN	J. T. WOOD	A. E. CONE	W. J. POWELL
SEC'Y	A. C. DENSON	A. C. DENSON	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS
S. D.	C. D. PHILLIPS		H. D. WALL	W. G. FLEMISTER
J. D.	A. E. CONE			A. E. CONE
S. S.				
J. S.				
CHAP.				
TYLER	A. R. BLEDSOE		JESSE LOCKE	

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OFFICE	06-04-1926	06-03-1927	06-15-1928	06-14-1929
W. M.	N. T. DENSON	R. E. KELLUM	L. M. PHILLIPS	J. L. WOODS
S. W.	C. B. DAVIS	L. M. PHILLIPS	J. L. WOODS	W. G. FLEMISTER
J. W.	L. M. PHILLIPS	J. L. WOODS	W. G. FLEMISTER	F. E. DENSON
TREAS.	R. E. KELLUM	F. E. DENSON	F. E. DENSON	W. T. WILSON
SEC'Y	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS
S. D.	J. L. WOODS	A. E. CONE	W. T. WILSON	N. T. DENSON
J. D.	A. S. DANIEL	N. T. DENSON		J. L. LOCKE
S. S.				R. E. KELLUM
J. S.				L. M. PHILLIPS
CHAP.				
TYLER	J. L. LOCKE	J. L. LOCKE		

OFFICE	06-10-1930	06-23-1931	06-14-1932	06-13-1933
W. M.	J. L. WOODS	J. L. WOODS	J. L. WOODS	W. G. FLEMISTER
S. W.	W. G. FLEMISTER	W. G. FLEMISTER	W. G. FLEMISTER	L. M. PHILLIPS
J. W.	F. E. DENSON	F. E. DENSON	F. E. DENSON	F. E. DENSON
TREAS.	L. M. PHILLIPS	L. M. PHILLIPS	L. M. PHILLIPS	J. L. WOODS
SEC'Y	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS
S. D.	N. T. DENSON	N. T. DENSON	N. T. DENSON	N. L. LOCKE
J. D.	N. F. LOCKE	N. F. LOCKE		J. L. LOCKE
S. S.	F. M. GILLUM			
J. S.	H. H. DENTON			
CHAP.				H. H. ADCOCK
TYLER	H. D. PEARSON	H. D. PEARSON	H. D. PEARSON	H. D. PEARSON

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OFFICE	06-12-1934	06-17-1935	06-23-1936	06-22-1937
W. M.	L. M. PHILLIPS	FRANK E. DENSON	FRANK E. DENSON	L. M. PHILLIPS
S. W.	F. E. DENSON	J. L. WOODS	J. L. WOODS	J. L. WOODS
J. W.	J. L. WOODS	H. H. ADCOCK	L. M. PHILLIPS	F. E. DENSON
TREAS.	W. G. FLEMISTER	L. M. PHILLIPS	G. W. BINNS	G. W. BINNS
SEC'Y	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS
S. D	N. L. LOCKE	HENRY PEARSON	W. G. FLEMISTER	R. E. KELLUM
J. D.	J. L. LOCKE		H. A. CRANE	H. A. CRANE
S. S.				
J. S.				
CHAP.		W. J. POWELL		
TYLER	H. D. PEARSON	W. W. BINNS	HENRY PEARSON	HENRY PEARSON

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OFFICE	06-14-1938	06-13-1939	06-11-1940	06-09-1941
W. M	L. M. PHILLIPS	J. L. WOODS	H. A. CRANE	J. L. WOODS
S. W.	J. L. WOODS	H. A. CRANE	L. M PHILLIPS	L. M, PHILLIPS
J. W.	H. A. CRANE	L. M. PHILLIPS	J. L. WOODS	H. A. CRANE
TREAS.	G. W. BINNS	G. W. BINNS	G. W. BINNS	G. W. BINNS
SEC'Y	W. W. BINNS		W. W. BINNS	W. W. BINNS
S. D.	R. E. KELLUM	R. E. KELLUM	R. E. KELLUM	A. E. CONE
J. D.	CLAUDE SIVILS	GRADY BINNS	CLAUDE SIVILS	CLAUDE SIVILS
S. S.				
J. S.				
CHAP.				
TYLER	HENRY PEARSON	HENRY PEARSON	HENRY PEARSON	HENRY PEARSON

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OFFICE	06-23-1942	06-22-1943	06-13-1944	45 NOT FOUND
W. M.	L. M. PHILLIPS	L. M. PHILLIPS	F. E. DENSON	
S. W.	H. A. CRANE	H. A. CRANE	C. C. EVANS	
J. W.	F. E. DENSON	F. E. DENSON	C. H. ROARK	
TREAS.	G. W. BINNS	HAMILTON ROARK	L. M. PHILLIPS	
SEC'Y	W. W. BINNS	J. L. WOODS	J. L. WOODS	
S. D.		C. C. EVANS	J. T. EVANS	
J. D.		A. G. NEW	H. D. PEARSON	
S. S.			J. S. TULLEY	
J. S.			FRED FORD	
CHAP.				
TYLER		HENRY PEARSON	H. H. DENTON	

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OFFICE	06-11-1946	06-10-1947	06-22-1948	06-14-1949
W. M.	C. C. EVANS	DOYLE McDOUGALD	D. N. McDOUGALD	ALLEN HARTLEY

S. W.	DOYLE McDOUGALD	ALLEN HARTLEY	ALLEN HARTLEY	GEO. UPSHAW
J. W.	ALLEN HARTLEY	C. H. ROARK	GEO. UPSHAW	E. C. SHELTON
TREAS.	F. E. DENSON	L. M. PHILLIPS	F. E. DENSON	L. M. PHILLIPS
SEC'Y	J. L. WOOD	J. L. WOODS	J. L. WOODS	J. L. WOODS
S. D.	J. S. HANCOCK		ROLO NIXON	D. N. McDOUGALD
J. D.	G. W. UPSHAW	GEO. UPSHAW	J. T. LOCKE	LOUIE SANSING
S. S.	L. M. PHILLIPS			ZACK ROBERSON
J. S.	H. A. CRANE			CONRAD DEAL
CHAP.	H. A. JOHNSON	H. A. JOHNSON	H. A. JOHNSON	
TYLER	C. H. ROARK	H. D. PEARSON	DALTON WARE	J. T. LOCKE

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OFFICE	06-09-1950	06-08-1951	07-25-1952	06-26-1953
W. M.	ALLEN HARTLEY	GEO. UPSHAW	E. C. SHELTON	E. C. SHELTON
S. W.	GEO. UPSHAW	E. C. SHELTON	ZACK ROBERSON	ZACK ROBERSON
J. W.	E. C. SHELTON	LOUIE SANSING	WYLIE HUDSON	LOUEN BERRY
TREAS.	J. T. LOCKE	ABE JOHNSON	ABE JOHNSON	THERON LOCKE
SEC'Y	F. E. DENSON	FRANK E. DENSON	FRANK DENSON	F. E. DENSON
S. D.	D. N. McDOUGALD	D. N. McDOUGALD	DOYLE McDOUGALD	WYLIE HUDSON
J. D.	LOUIE SANSING	ZACK ROBERSON	J. C. SAVAGE	FLOYD HUDSON
S. S.	ZACK ROBERSON	HASKEL BOLIN	EVERETT FORD	ALLEN HARTLEY
J. S.	ABE JOHNSON	LUCIAN PHILLIPS	HENRY CHADWICK	J. C. SAVAGE
CHAP.	G. D. HANCOCK			
TYLER	LESLIE BATES	EVERETT FORD	R. Q. COUEY	H. D. PEARSON

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OFFICE	06-11-1954	06-10-1955	06-24-1956	06-28-1957
W. M.	ZACK ROBERSON	WYLIE HUDSON	WYLIE HUDSON	ZACK ROBERSON
S. W.	WYLIE HUDSON	JESSIE ROSS	ZACK ROBERSON	THERON LOCKE
J. W.	JESSIE ROSS	R. L. BERRY	R. L. BERRY	M. L. GLENNON
TREAS.	THERON LOCKE	WERNER HUDSON		JESSE ROSS
SEC'Y	FRANK DENSON	DOYLE McDOUGALD	D. N. McDOUGALD	FRANK DENSON
S. D.	FRANK E. DENSON, Jr.	J. C. SAVAGE	M.L. GLENNON	D. N. McDOUGALD
J. D.	E. C. SHELTON	RAYMOND BROWN	ALVIN PENNINGTON	NORWOOD ROSS
S. S.	FLOYDE HUDSON			
J. S.	J. C. SAVAGE			
CHAP.	GEO. HANCOCK	E. H. ACUFF	E. H. ACUFF	E. H. ACUFF
TYLER	HENRY D. PEARSON	EVERETT FORD	EVERETT FORD	WYLIE HUDSON

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OFFICE	06-20-1958	06-12-1959	06-09-1959
W. M.	JESSIE ROSS	M. L. GLENNON	D. A. McCLAIN
S. W.	M. L. GLENNON	WYLIE HUDSON	NORWOOD ROSS
J. W.	NORWOOD ROSS	ARTHUR McCLAIN	ALVIN PENNINGTON
TREAS.	ARTHUR McCLAIN	B. RICE	ZACK ROBERSON
SEC'Y	F. E. DENSON	F. E. DENSON	F.E. DENSON
S. D.	ALVIN PENNINGTON	ALVIN PENNINGTON	J. C. SAVAGE
J. D.	ELMER MOFFATT Jr.		ELMER MOFFATT Jr.
S. S.	WYLIE HUDSON		
J. S.	ZACK ROBERSON		
CHAP.			ROLA NIXON
TYLER	FLOYD ROSS		DALTON WARE
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RECORDS FROM 1959 TO 12-22-1980 ARE MISSING

OFFICE	12-22-1980	12-14-1981	1982/1983	12-12-1983
W. M.	MORRIS PENNINGTON	JOSEPH LINDSEY	JOSEPH LINDSEY	JOSEPH LINDSEY
S. W.	M. L. GLENNON	GENE GREGORY	JOHN CRAIN	EUGENE SLOCUM
J. W.	JOSEPH LINDSEY	M. L. GLENNON	EUGENE SLOCUM	FRANK PEARSON
TREAS.	J. C. SAVAGE	JERRY DON SAVAGE	GENE CARRUTH	JERRY SAVAGE
SEC'Y	GLYNN F. RIELS	RICHARD JUSTICE	GLYNN RIEL	GLYNN RIELS
S. D.	GENE GREGORY	FRANK PEARSON	FRANK PEARSON	JOHN CRAIN
J. D.	EUGENE SLOCUM	GLYNN RIEL	WELDON RICE	GENE CARRUTH
S. S.				
J. S.				
CHAP	FRANK E. DENSON	MORRIS PENNINGTON	JIMMY CARL JONES	EARNEST SHELTC
TYLER	J. A. PENNINGTON	J. A. PENNINGTON		JIMMIE JONES
M. OF C.	JERRY DON SAVAGE			MORRIS PENNING
" "	JERRY GLEN STANLEY			J. A. PENNINGTON
M. S.		EUGENE SLOCUM		
"		WELDON RICE		

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OFFICE	1985/1986
W. M.	E. C. SHELTON
S. W.	FRANK PEARSON
J. W.	GLYNN RIELS
TREAS.	WELDON RICE
SEC'Y	JOSEPH LINDSEY
S. D.	EUGENE SLOCUM
J. D.	GENE CARRUTH
S. S.	
J. S	
CHAP.	JIMMY McKINNEY
TYLER	JERRY SAVAGE
M. C.	J. A. PENNINGTON
M. C.	MORRIS PENNINGTON

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COLLECTIONS OF FRANK E. DENSON

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POST OFFICES

The first post office at Fountain Hill was established in 1846. At that time Fountain Hill was still in Bradley County. George W. Worthington was the first postmaster, but it was less than six months after he took office that the office was discontinued.

Within a year and a half the office was reestablished and Worthington was reinstated as the postmaster.

Worthington became the first Ashley County Clerk on January 1, 1849, but also remained postmaster until replaced by Elijah Kirkpatrick on June 19, 1849. This arrangement was possible because the first county seat was at Fountain Hill.

Kirkpatrick was a colorful, but sometimes controversial, merchant. He loved to fish and camp and it is said that Kirk's Springs on the Saline is named for him.

After several years, July 5, 1856, William Hughes replaced Kirkpatrick. Four months after his appointment, September 30, 1856, Hughes was replaced by William Daniel.

Because of post-war politics (punishment), the office was again discontinued on July 2, 1866. In the interim, three men served as postmasters who endured hardships or suffered great family losses during the war.

William Daniel lost two sons, W. W. Daniel at Sharpsburg on September 17, 1862 and Jessie, on October 7, 1862, on a skirmish line east of Richmond. N. C. "Nick" Denson, another Fountain Hill boy, was on Jessie's burial detail in the edge of Richmond.

William Hughes lost his son, James, at Antietam on September 17, 1862. "Nick" Denson was James Hughes's mess mate and a future son-in-law of William Hughes. Denson lost at least two other mess mates from Fountain Hill that day. They were Isaac Denson, a first cousin, and W. M. Stinson, a neighbor.

William Howell who was postmaster beginning April 22, 1861, served only twenty days before joining the first contingent of soldiers to leave Hamburg. He served, as did the others of that group, in the 3rd Arkansas Infantry Regiment.

There is many sources for the stories of hardships, bravery, victories, defeats, endurance and other accomplishments of that military unit. One excellent source is the book by Capt. Calvin L. Collier, "THEY'LL DO TO TIE TO!" Elsewhere in these polygenetic bits and pieces are excerpts from the account of a member of the that unit. William Howell fared better than the above mentioned casualties, as he was on the roster of the 3rd Arkansas Infantry Regiment - C.S.A. who were paroled at Appomatox.

POST OFFICE	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION	QUARTER	911 TOWNSHIP	
32/43 MORRELL/BOYDELL	15	4	26	S/W	G-1	
2A. MOUTH OF THE ARKANSAS						
47. NABOB	16	7	12	N/E	D-2	(2)
37. NATEKA	19	6	16	S/E	E-5	(1)
29. NELLIE 10-12-1869/10-21-1871						
33. NORMANDY	18	5	1	S/E	F-4	
G. ODIE	19	5	21	N/W	F-5	
17. ORIEN 6-28-1852/9-10-1866 WESTERN PART OF COUNTY ON WAY TO MARIE SALINE VIA EGYPT						
21A. PARKDALE	18	4	19	S/E	G-4	
46. PEABERRY	17	8	16	N/E	C-3	
35. PETERSBURG	18	9	1	S/E	B-5	
30. PINE HILL	17	8	4	N/W	C-3	
27. POINT PLESANT	17	7	26	S/E	D-3	
21A. POPULAR BLUFF	17	4	5	S/W	G-3	
24. PORTLAND	17	4	9	N/E	G-3	
63. PUGH 1-16-1914/4-25-1925 LOCATED??	17	8	7		C-3	
49. RAWLS	19	7	31	S/W	D-5	
38. RIPLEY	19	9	24	N/E	B-5	
			AND 30	N/W	B-5	
61. ROLFE	18	7	19	S/W	D-4	
52. SAVAGE	19	5	16	S/W	F-5	
41. SELAH	16	7	12	N/E	D-2	(2)
20. SHILOH	16	7	12	N/E	D-2	(2)
32. SLEMONS	15	4	35		G-1	
31. SNYDER	17	5	21	N/W	F-3	
SNYDER ????????????	16	5	22	S/E	F-3	
64. STILLIONS	17	9	9	N/W	B-3	
39. SUNSHINE	17	4	31	N/E	G-3	
54. TIDE	17	5	21	N/W	F-3	
53. THEBES	16	5	26	N/E	F-2	
40. TRAFALGAR	15	5	34	S/E	F-1	
1. VILLEMONT						
58. WHITE	19	9	35	S/W	B-5	
60. WHITLOW	17	9	24	S/E	B-3	
3. WILMOT	19	5	12	S/E	F-5	
44. WOMBLE	18	8	14	S/W	C-4	
22. WOOD HILL-UP THE HILL FROM CLEAR LAKE ?						
18. WOODVILLE						

(1) 37 ANATOKA= ALSO 37 NATEDA, NATOKA OR BIRD HILL
(2) 57 GOLDIE= ALSO 20 SHILOH, 41 SELAH AND 47 NABOB

THIS LIST WAS PREPARED HURRIEDLY FOR PERSONAL USE AND WAS NOT CHECKED FOR ACCURACY.

(POSTOFFI) (F.E.D.)

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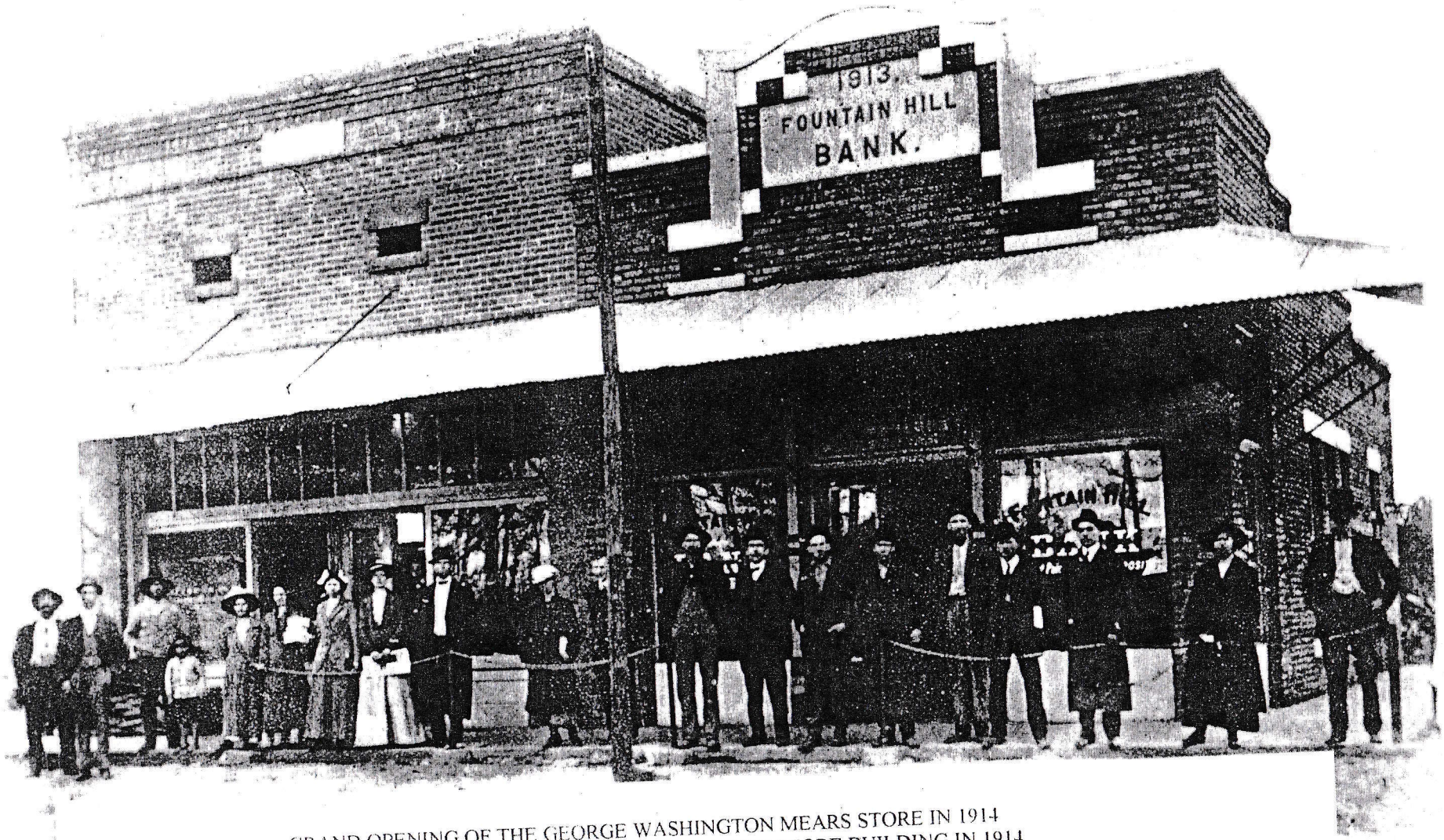


GRAND OPENING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEARS STORE IN 1914
THE BANK BUILDING WAS COMPLETED IN 1913. THE STORE BUILDING IN 1914
LEFT TO RIGHT: 1. GEORGE WASHINGTON MEARS 2. CARROLL GEORGE MEARS
3. MAN UNKNOWN 4. BOY UNKNOWN 5., 6., & 7. THREE BLEDSOE SISTERS, MR.
RUBE BLEDSOE'S DAUGHTERS 8. ISHIE TOLER PIERCE 9. ARTHUR A. PIERCE 10.
VELMA OLIVER 11. MAN BEHIND POST? COULD IT BE "MACK" McKOIN? HE
MARRIED VELMA OLIVER. 12. TALL MAN IN HAT IS JESS CONE. 13. LESLIE J.
SAVAGE , BANK MANAGER AND CASHIER 14. ROY (LONNIE L.) OLIVER 15.
RUBE BLEDSOE 16. TOM WATKINS 17. MILTON L. SMITH, M.D. 18. RUSSELL
[illegible] PHILLIPS 20. FRANK PIERCE

29 February 1992

Mr. Lee Rodgers
KGO Radio
900 Front Street
San Francisco, Ca 94101

Dear Lee,

On your program a few days ago it was said the (or some) of the Japanese on the west coast could have avoided internment during W W 11 if they would have been willing to move inland. The question of non-citizenship was also discussed. I think citizenship was a larger factor than was emphasized on your program.

The recent newspaper article (attached) quotes one of the internees as saying he was allowed to leave Denson Camp in Arkansas to seek work in Chicago. He also said 30 to 40 percent of the internees were not American citizens and were not offered that opportunity.

There was also a prisoner of war camp near Denson Camp and the Rohwer internment camp for the Japanese. The P.O.W. camp held the German and Italian military prisoners. If the P.O.W. camps were as horrible as one of your callers suggested, why were they used for housing the American G.I.'S and his family when he returned home to attend school at the near-by Arkansas A. & M. College at Monticello. The only negative comment I recall hearing about the housing was that of a lady who was reminded each time she flushed her toilet of the French bidet she encountered while overseas.

The Denson Camp mentioned was named after a Fountain Hill, Arkansas man who distinguished himself in one of our earlier wars. His war freed the American Negro, who in his everyday life was in most cases treated worse than any Japanese, German or Italian prisoner housed in this country.

As for the Japanese at Denson: They had better food, housing, water, sanitation facilities, medical care and education than their adjacent neighbors, the Black and white sharecroppers. The inconvenienced Japanese have already received more than the equivalent of forty acres and a mule, and will receive more (1991 and 1992 $1 BILLION. 1993 and ensuing years, $1 BILLION $250 MILLION, MAKING A TOTAL "REDRESS" PAYMENT OF TWO BILLION TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION). The promise of acreage and an ass to the Black never materialized for them!

Had the Japanese voiced their protests at the time they were interned, I am sure they could have been made more comfortable at near-by facilities. There was Tucker, Varner, Angola and Parchman. Had it been in Denson's day, they could have been offered Andersonville.

Sincerely,

Frank Denson
35966 Adobe Dr.
Fremont, Ca 94536

(JAPANESE)

It is believed that the Jerome story belongs in this heap of scraps. Not only because the war-time Japenese camp was named after a Fountain Hill man, but for other reasons as well. We have people living today, in their eighties, who went from Fountain Hill to the resettlement projects such as the one that preceded the Japanese camp at Jerome.

Relatives of Estelle Allison Locke may want to record her experiences at Dyess. She and Theron, her husband, talked to their friends about their time there.

Two of our popular Fountain Hill school teachers also had connections there. Minnie Belle Gardner McCain was the Home Management Supervisor at Dyess. Both McCain and Johnny Cash, the country singer wrote of the death of Johnny's brother at the Dyass High School.

Her sister, Helen Gardner Deckelman, taught school there during the time both McCain and the Cash family were there.

Some background into what John E. Ellington called a socialist failure at Jerome follows in a March 16, 1939 newspaper article.

For comparisons of the times, it may be well to note what $100,000 was in 1939:

At prevailing wages, a non-farm worker at that time would have had to work 8 hours per day, seven days per week, 52 weeks per year for more than 98 years to earn $100,000.

Sam J. Wilson Gets $100,000 For Jerome

At 10:20 a. m. March 4th Sam J. Wilson filed a deed in the Chicot county recorder's office at Lake Village which closed the sale of his Jerome property, hanging fire for several months, to the United States government for $100,000.

For this sum the government bought the entire city of Jerome—including all of the houses, the store, the cotton gin—, 3508.54 acres of land, 65 head of mules, 3 tractors and all other personal property at Jerome. Excluded from the sale were all crops harvested during 1938 or previous to that time, one sorrel saddle mare and the stock of goods in the store. The farm land—two square miles—lies East of the railroad in Chicot and Drew counties.

Thirty-six families have already been moved into Jerome from Sunnyside plantation, across the lake from Lake Village—which the government leased as a Resettlement project under the Farm Security Administration last year.

The Jerome project is to be managed under the F. S. A., and the National Youth Administration jointly—the first project of its kind in the United States, by the record.

Of the 2290 acres of land already in cultivation on the place, 737 acres are to be farmed by a co-operative association, composed of members of the colony. This Jerome Co-operative Association will also manage the store and the gin. All profits will be distributed to these families "on the basis of their participation in work performed."

Colony Self-sufficient

In addition to the FSA clients' co-op, there will be another group working as a separate unit on the same project—100 N. Y. A. clients. Fifty boys and fifty girls, between the ages of 18 to 25 years, will be moved onto the project and form their own separate co-operative association for the farming of 325 acres of land.

Plans are underway to set up a sawmill and a workshop so that the boys can cut lumber and can make every kind of woodwork needed. They will work under F. S. A. supervisors, and probably a Smith-Hughes agricultural instructor.

The girls will learn home-making arts of all kinds, under a home economics teacher, probably from the government agriculture extension service.

Besides these measures, every further egort is going to be made to make the colony self-sufficient. The two co-ops will operate their own meat-curing plant, potato-curing houses, chicken hatcheries, blacksmith shop, etc.

Financial Arrangements

Under the Chicot county FSA loan system, each family on the project has secured a loan of approximately $250 as Spring "furnish." Out of this they are expected to pay back all of that part expended on feed, food, seed and subsistence within a year. All they put out on capital goods—mules, tools, etc., they are given 5 years to pay back. The government retains ownership of all buildings and land, and furnishes most of the tools and other equipment.

The N. Y. A. clients will work under a somewhat different arrangement. They will be hired by the N. Y. A. to work 100 hours each month for the first year. The rest of their working hours are to put in working under the co-operative plan in woodworking shop, meat-curing plant, or wherever else their labors are needed and wherever the project manager judges they are best fitted to work.

Full Operation By April 1

By April 1 the colony will be in full operation. The project manager will be assigned by that time—one man to work under the F. S. A. but to be in charge of both the F .S. A. and the N. Y. A. projects. The 100 youths will have been moved down there by that time, and their supervisors and instructors secured.

Already 260 acres of oats have been planted on the land, and preparations for planting 70 acres in cotton are underway. The remaining 800-odd acres will be planted in corn, soybeans, peas and other feed crops.

Plans for operations of the colony are not fully completed yet, but preparations are also begun already to build a community center at Jerome, with school facilities and recreational facilities for the entire Chicot Farms Project.

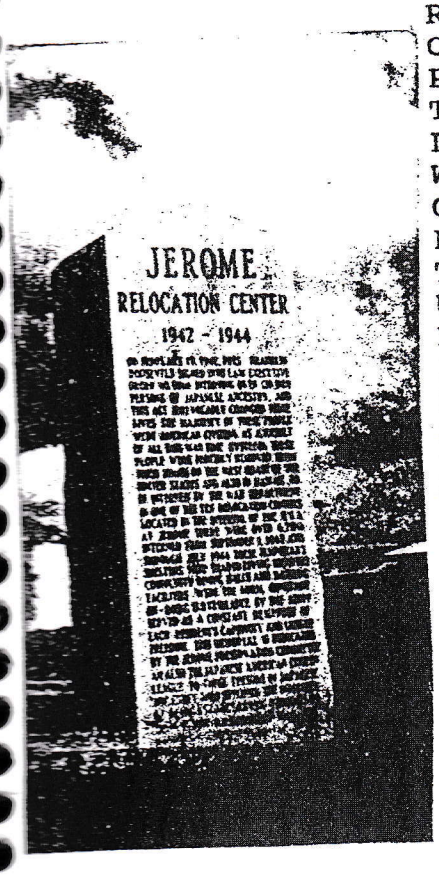
14,622 Acres In All

This new project adjoins another tract of government-owned land, of about 11,114 acres. On this adjoining project—little known as yet because the colony is inaccessible through the rainy season of the year—back in the Boeuf river bottoms an F. S. A. project of 29 completed family units has been in operation for about two years. During the coming year forty-two more units are to be built. Each unit consists of about 40 acres of land and a four-room house complete with running water and electric lights.

THURSDAY MARCH 21, 1995

TODAY I WENT TO JEROME IN DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO WRITE DOWN THE INSCRIPTION FROM THE MONUMENT AT THE JEROME RELOCATION CENTER. THIS CENTER WAS OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS DENSON CAMP AND HAD A DENSON POST OFFICE, DENSON HIGH SCHOOL AND A NON-DENOM-INATIONAL DENSON CHAPEL. THE MARKER DESCRIBES WHAT THE CAMP WAS USED FOR UNTIL THE JAPANESE WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE RHOWER RELOCATION CENTER. GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR WERE MOVED IN AFTER THE JAPANESE WERE TRANSFERRED.

JEROME
RELOCATION CENTER
1942 1944



ON FEBRUARY 19, 1942, PRES. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT SIGNED INTO LAW EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 9066, INTERNING OVER 120,000 PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY, AND THIS ACT IRREVOCABLY CHANGED THEIR LIVES. THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE AMERICAN CITIZENS. AS A RESULT OF THIS WAR TIME HYSTERIA THESE PEOPLE WERE FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES ON THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALSO IN HAWAII, TO BE INTERNED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT IN ONE OF THE TEN RELOCATION CENTERS LOCATED IN THE INTERIOR OF THE U.S.A. AT JEROME THERE WERE OVER 6,700 INTERRED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1942 AND THROUGH JULY 1944. THESE TEMPORARY SHELTERS WITH SHARED LIVING QUARTERS COMMUNITY DINING HALLS AND BATHING FACILITIES WERE THE NORM. CONSTANT ON-GOING SURVEILLANCE BY THE ARMY SERVED AS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF EACH RESIDENT'S CAPTIVITY AND LOSS OF FREEDOM. THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED BY THE JEROME PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AN ALSO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZEN LEAGUE TO THOSE PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY WHO SUFFERED THE INDIGNITY OF BEING INCARCERATED BECAUSE OF THEIR ETHNIC BACKGROUND. MAY THIS MONUMENT SERVE TO REMIND US OF ALL THESE INCIDENTS AND INSPIRE US TO BE MORE VIGILANT AND MORE ALERT IN THE SAFE GUARDING OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL AMERICANS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, COLOR, OR CREED.

AFTER COPYING THE ABOVE FROM THE MONUMENT, I TALKED TO A YOUNG MAN NOW LIVING ON THIS PROPERTY. HE THINKS THE MONUMENT STANDS WHERE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CAMP WAS LOCATED. HE TOLD ME THAT AFTER THE CAMP WAS DISMANTLED, THE GOVERNMENT SOLD THE PROPERTY TO SOME MAN WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL. THIS MAN THEN SOLD THE PROPERTY TO HIS FATHER.

THERE ARE SEVERAL BIG FARM BUILDINGS AND GRAIN STORAGE BINS BUILT ON CONCRETE SLABS LEFT FROM THE OLD CAMP BUILDINGS. OTHER VERY VISIBLE REMAINS FROM THE CAMP ARE A TALL SMOKE-STACK, A ROUND CONCRETE FOUNDATION ABOUT 20 FEET HIGH AND 60 FEET IN DIAMETER, AND SIMULAR CONCRETE STRUCTURES AT THE OLD SEWER TREATMENT SITE. THE STACK WAS USED FOR THE COAL BURNING BOILER ROOM AT THE HOSPITAL. COAL FOR THE CAMP WAS SHIPPED IN BY RAIL. THE ROUND FOUNDATION WAS THE SUPPORT FOR THE WATER TANK.

SMOKESTACK AT HOSPITAL SITE

THE YOUNG MAN'S NAME WAS ELLINGTON, AND AFTER TALKING TO ME FOR A SHORT TIME, HE TOOK ME TO ONE OF THE SEVERAL HOMES ON THE PROPERTY AND INTRODUCED ME TO HIS 83 YEAR OLD GRANDFATHER, JOHN ERNEST ELLINGTON.

IN 1932 MR. ELLINGTON HOMESTEADED 120 ACRES JUST EAST OF THE CAMP. HE SAID HIS FATHER WAS A CARPENTER FOREMAN DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMP AND REMAINED EMPLOYED THERE DURING THE DURATION OF THE CAMP.

DURING THE 1930'S ONE OF THE "NEW DEAL" PROGRAMS WAS THE FARM RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM CREATED COLLECTIVE FARMS WHERE A FARMER WAS ALLOTED 20 ACRES, A MULE, AND SOME FARM EQUIPMENT. THREE OF THESE COLONIES WERE DYESS COLONY IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, LAKE DICK NEAR PINE BLUFF , AND DEEP ELM AT JEROME. DEEP ELM HAD 65 FAMILIES AT ONE TIME BUT WAS A FAILURE LIKE THE OTHERS; SO THE GOVERNMENT UTILIZED THIS LAND BY TRANSFERRING IT TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO BUILD DENSON CAMP, THE JEROME RELOCATION CENTER.

WHEN TALKING ABOUT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, MR. ELLINGTON ALLWAYS REFERRED TO HIM AS AN OLD SOCIALIST. MR. ELLINGTON SAID THE URGENT NEED FOR A GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMP WAS A RESULT OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. HE SAID AT ONE TIME THE CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS. ONE SECTION WAS FOR A PRUSSIAN GENERAL AND HIS ORDERLIES, ANOTHER FOR S.S. TROOPS, AND A SECTION FOR THE REGULAR ARMY.

I TOLD MR. ELLINGTON THAT THE REV. N.C. DENSON (UNCLE NICK) HAD MENTIONED THE SAWMILL AT BLISSVILLE (JEROME WAS FIRST KNOWN AS BLISSVILLE), AND I HAD OFTEN WONDERED WHERE THE MILL WAS LOCATED. HE SAID THE MILL WAS NEAR THE RAILROAD WHERE THE GRAIN DRYER IS NOW SITUATED. WHEN ASKED WHY THE COMMUNITY CHANGED IT'S NAME FROM BLISSVILLE TO JEROME. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS AN OLD GERMAN (A GERMAN SYMPATHIZER DURING WORLD WAR ONE) BY THE NAME OF MOLEY, WHO HAD A SON NAMED JEROME MOLEY. IN ORDER TO NAME THE OFFICE AFTER JEROME, MOLEY USED THE EXCUSE THAT THE POST OFFICE WAS CONFUSING BLYTHEVILLE AND BLISSVILLE, THUS THE NAME CHANGE. REBECCA DeARMOND-HUSKEY SAID THE FIRST POST OFFICE AT BLISSVILLE WAS DECEMBER 20, 1900 AND CHANGED TO JEROME IN 1900 OR 1913. N.C. DENSON WAS STILL REFERRING TO THE MILL AT BLISSVILLE AS LATE AS NOVEMBER 1919.

WHICH CAME FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? OR SHOULD WE SAY WHICH CAME FIRST, JEROME OR BOYDELL? THE NAME MORRELL WAS CHANGED TO BOYDELL SOMEWHAT LIKE THE CHANGE AT JEROME. I DON'T KNOW WHICH CHANGE WAS FIRST. WHEN GOING NORTH THROUGH BOYDELL ON HIGHWAY 165, THERE IS A CEMETERY ON THE RIGHT WITH SIX MARKED GRAVES. THERE IS ALSO A LARGE MONUMENT MARKED "WADDELL" THAT IS READABLE WHILE DRIVING BY. MR. ELLINGTON SAID THE WADDELL FAMILY ONCE OWNED 35,000 ACRES WHEN THE TOWN WAS KNOWN AS MORRELL. ANOTHER BIG LAND OWNER WAS THE BOYD FAMILY. THESE TWO FAMILIES DECIDED THE POST OFFICE WAS CONFUSING MORRELL AND MORRILTON, SO THEY CO-MINGLED THE TWO FAMILY NAMES, WADDELL AND BOYD, AND CAME UP WITH THE CURRENT NAME, BOYDELL. N.C. DENSON SPOKE OF ORGANIZING A CHURCH AT MORRELL.

I TOLD MR. ELLINGTON THAT UNCLE NICK HAD MENTIONED THE MILL CLOSING DOWN LONG ENOUGH FOR THANKSGIVINS SERVICES ON NOVEMBER 26,1919(A SUNDAY). THIS BROUGHT THE COMMENT FROM MR. ELLINGTON THAT THE MILL COULD OPERATE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK,BUT A FARMER WOULD BE FINED BY A LOCAL J.P. IF HE HOOKED UP A MULE TO PLOW ON SUNDAY. IT WAS OK TO HOOK A MULE TO A WAGON TO GO TO CHURCH, BUT NO PLOWING! YOU COULD ALSO BE FINED FOR HUNTING ON SUNDAY IF THE GUN SHOT COULD BE HEARD IN THE COMMUNITY.

AFTER ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES MR. ELLINGTON HAD GUESTS OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES DROP IN, SO I DEPARTED WITH HIS PERMISSION TO VISIT AGAIN.

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MR. JOHN EARNEST ELLINGTON, DIED AT AGE 83 THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 1996.

JEROME — Mr. John Earnest Ellington, died at age 83 Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996. Survivors: two sons; one daughter; three sisters; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, at 9 a.m. in Dermott City Cemetery, Dermott, Ark., directed by Steele Funeral Home.

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Local deaths

PULASKI COUNTY

Alfred Henry Adams, 90, of Jacksonville.
Katie Bennett of Little Rock.
Ralph Ford of North Little Rock.
Morris J. Hill, 71, of Little Rock.
Buster Earnest Mock, 55, of Jacksonville.
Beulah "Bea" Bradford Nichols, 79, of Litt Rock.
Edward Levell Pugh, 61, of Little Rock.
Katherine Mann Shipp of Little Rock.
Edna G. Siegele, 78, of Jacksonville.
Georgia Lee Terry, 85, of Little Rock.
Kevin Williams, 25, of Little Rock.

ARKANSAS

ARKADELPHIA — Ruby Looper Marshall, 8
ATKINS — E.C. Blue, 67.
CALICO ROCK — Catherine Mae Kiser, 66.
CAMDEN — Merl Elwin McMahen, 78.
CONWAY — Malcolm Joseph Fraser, 93.
CROSSETT — Leroy Barnett, 77.
CROSSETT — Lee V. Wilson, 50.
DARDANELLE — Mary M. "Pete" Buntin Mueller, 74.
ENGLAND — Zena Mae Petty, 80.
EUREKA SPRINGS — Cecil Walker, 79
HARRISON — Lena Ruth Lee, 85.
HASKELL — J.T. Thornberry, 72.
JASPER — Lucinda Jane (Cindy Bell) Stra ton, 37.
JEROME — John Earnest Ellington, 83.
LEOLA — Lewis Edward Walton, 89.
LONOKE — John E. Latimer Jr., 78.
MARSHALL — Paul Raglánd, 71.
MONTROSE — Thelma M. Strother, 77.
NASHVILLE — Beatrice (Goodson) Jamison, 7
NASHVILLE — Irene Goodson Ludlam, 75.
PIGGOTT — Gene Latimer, 90.
PINE BLUFF — Charles Dickens, 47.
PINE BLUFF — Elizabeth Grant, 89.
PINE BLUFF — Clarece McDonald, 64.
POCAHONTAS — Harry "Rector" Duff, 81.
SEARCY — James L. Honey, 70.
SEARCY — Seth Slayton, 76.
STAR CITY — Zane Burr, 70.
WISEMAN — Mary Leona Crouch, 91.
WRIGHT — Benny Childers, 57.

OUT OF STATE

CHICAGO — Albert Joe Curry, 52, formerly o Tamo.
CHICAGO — William "Sonny"/"Shack" Fal Jr., 60, formerly of Allport.
GREENTOWN, Ind. — Mae Majors, 95, for merly of Greers Ferry.
MEMPHIS — Leona Hurst, 84, formerly o Wheatley.
OAKLAND, Calif. — William Henry Jones 77, formerly of Little Rock.
SHERMAN, Texas — John David Cherry, 41

By Caldwell Brandon

IN CONSIDERING SCHOOLS and other problems that have arisen in recent months, some may have forgotten that only 16 years ago Arkansas had two crisis schools of another sort. But those who were there and worked with our Japanese American sojourners, especially with their youngsters in the class room, cannot forget them.

The crisis, of course, was World War II, particularly the problems arising from having so many Japanese near the West Coast following Pearl Harbor.

Though the Federal Bureau of Investigation reckoned a very large majority of these Americans with Japanese faces loyal, the government feared to leave the few possibly disloyal ones in so vulnerable a place as the West Coast. So was born the War Relocation Authority.

At first attempts were made to induce the Japanese to relocate to more inland places in the West, as Wyoming, but this voluntary plan of relocation did not succeed very well.

It was then that 10 relocation centers were set up, eight in the West, and two in Arkansas, one at Rohwer near McGehee, and the other, particularly dealt with here, about eight miles from Dermott. Called Jerome Relocation Center at first, for the village by which it stood, it became officially known as Denson when set up officially as a municipality.

On Monday morning, January 4, 1943, under the leadership of A. G. Thompson, former superintendent of Schools at Lake Village, Denson High School officially opened with a general assembly of students and teachers in the dining hall of Block 33.

To house these evacuees, the government had bought a square mile of land and laid it out in blocks. With the exception of a few administration halls, the buildings were long narrow barracks, covered in black tar paper. In these evacuees and appointed personnel lived and worked. Buildings were placed according to the same pattern in each block, with the dining hall in the center.

In High School Block 33 the dining hall was used as a study and assembly room. Sunday it was the meeting place for the Denson Church, composed of Protestants of many denominations. When school was not in session the Buddhists sometimes used it for a funeral.

California evacuees were soon followed by more from Hawaii, where relocation was voluntary.

TO CLASSIFY ALL THESE STUDENTS of varied background from so many different schools of course required many adjustments and changes in class schedules. The text books, furnished by the government, as were buildings, teachers, etc., were sometimes slow to arrive in sufficient numbers. In some subjects, as chemistry, there was not enough equipment. Yet with all these handicaps, including that of starting in January instead of September, things settled down and the work went on.

That much could be achieved was due to the attitude, the readiness of the students.

It was not difficult for those who were there and saw to understand that this was a time of great spiritual and physical stress for the evacuees.

Who would choose to be thus a "guest of the government," forced to sell his goods for a song, leave his beloved California, and live in crowded barracks? Who would not sometimes be bitter?

Yet there was much good sportsmanship and understanding of the fact that the government had reason to be careful lest some kibei (American-born Japanese educated in Japan and usually sympathetic to its cause) work secret damage on the vulnerable West Coast.

Sometimes a true Christian fortitude was noted, as when one devout high school girl declared in making a talk: "I made up my mind to follow wherever God's providence might lead me."

Certainly this self-contained people, Christians or Buddhists, deserve praise for the generally orderly way in which they accepted and lived with this hard war-born way of life.

THIS ACCEPTANCE OF THINGS as they were made for good order and good work in the class room. Japanese students for the most part expected to do the tasks assigned them. They memorized readily, were eager to learn the text, and liked to excel. They showed great skill in the use of their hands. They were good at map making and woodwork. Many printed well and rapidly.

Language differences and difficulties were interesting. An occasional student who had been in this country only a year or so could discuss things only with the aid of an interpreter. Quite rarely a student was found who made no foreign type errors in writing or speaking. Most students, being from homes in which both English and Japanese were spoken, and having spent most of their lives in California or Hawaii, fell between these two extremes.

The letter "S" was amusingly misplaced. The term "United State" for a Japanese was sure to indicate the nation, not matrimony. Joseph's brothers, it was reported, went to Egypt "to buy some wheats." One little girl, asked to characterize Robin Hood, wrote: "He was good sports. had considerations for women, stole from the riches and gave to the poors."

As to the connotation of words, the teachers learned something from students, sometimes in a pointed way.

Once a class was asked to list without naming two people they knew thus: A, a likable person and his good traits; B, an unpleasant person and his undersirable traits. When specimens were put on the blackboard one boy looked at the B list and hooted openly at the idea that anyone could have so many bad characteristics. At this the girl who had made the list, herself a half-Portuguese beauty, turned around, glared, and shot back: "You ought to have seen the way those white people treated us!"

And so it went: when the evacuees said "white people" they were uncomplimentary; otherwise they used the neutral "Caucasian." And some of the Caucasian personnel quickly learned to do the same thing.

Japanese names were different and interesting, especially when the possessors would comment on them. As to surnames, they said Taima with them was like Smith with us

s, members of a class at Denson High,

the frequency of its occurrence. It was noted that others, Yamaguchi, for example, were the same as those of Japanese admirals and other warlords of the time.

As to first names, ko (girl child) was suffixed to many names. A girl might be Ai but Aiko was of more frequent occurrence. Michiko, it will be recalled, is the name of the recent bride of the present Crown Prince of Japan.

A majority of both girls and boys were given one Japanese and one American name: Haru Rose, Jack Hitoshi; and might use either. A girl might be known as Violet or by its equivalent Sumire. Boys were sometimes named Taro (eldest son) and Jiro (second son). Some full names simply because of their sound linger in the memory—Fumi Sumi, for instance.

THE YOUNGER EVACUEES were sometimes remembered in gracious ways by those on the outside, particularly in churches. At Christmas church groups in different parts of the country sent gifts for the Sunday School Christmas tree, some of them truly beautiful.

One noteworthy gift, not prompted by seasonal custom, was sent by Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Paisley, now of Little Rock, and their Sunday School at Murphy, North Carolina, where Mr. Paisley was then pastor. After suggestions for gifts had been made at Mrs. Paisley's request, there arrived for a certain home room in Denson High School a really gigantic carton of cookies—nobody had ever imagined seeing such a lot of them at once.

These were shared with other home rooms, and though Japanese youngsters were not usually found to be very articulate, it was clear that the cookies were appreciated. The home room of juniors to whom the cookies were first given promptly and of their own accord sent a letter of thanks to the Paisleys, while the proud teacher was sure there wasn't a finer home room in any race or place.

It was a logical conclusion that routine and teaching methods in California as compared with those of Arkansas were more freewheeling, presumably more touched with progressivism. One bright-eyed little sophomore admitted that she probably didn't know English so well. "In California we had two hours for social studies and English. Sometimes I didn't go to English, just stayed in social science." The teacher remained sure she preferred the more systematic Arkansas routine.

After finishing high school, some of the Denson graduates as well as a number of the older evacuees, through the efforts of the WRA relocation office in the center were established in good jobs in various parts of the country and made good adjustments. After the war many were irresistibly drawn back to California, where they now live.

THOSE WHO LEFT THE CENTER for college were greatly helped to do this by private groups — a Friends organization is particularly recalled here. These worked with the education office to find acceptable places and in the important matter of paying for an education were forward to help them get scholarships and part time jobs.

A number of the boys, of course, went into the Army, some to Camp Robinson, more to Camp Shelby in Mississippi, where a Japanese-American unit was being trained.

Recalling their loyalty, their industry, their love of excelling in school, we were not particularly surprised, though certainly we were greatly thrilled when we heard the record of their superfine service to their country: how they bought more War Bonds than most other units; how they proved themselves in combat in Italy, going into battle with shining eager faces; and finally how they received the high and rare honor of a citation from President Harry Truman.

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WWII internees work to restore camp monuments

BY JOHN HAMAN
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ROHWER – Two bedraggled monuments rise from a small Japanese-American cemetery in Desha County, their history all but forgotten.

In the hysteria that followed the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, about 17,000 Japanese-Americans from the West Coast were brought to federal internment camps at Rohwer in Desha County and Jerome in Drew County.

Twenty-four of those internees are buried beneath the Rohwer monuments.

Traces of the camps have been obscured by time and their memory often ignored by Arkansans, but they will always be remembered by the people who were kept there.

Those people plan to make the cemetery into a National Historic Landmark, and have taken the first step by raising $25,000 for the restoration of the two crumbling monuments.

George Sakaguchi of St. Louis came to the Denson camp at Jerome with his father in November 1942 at the age of 16, and was allowed to leave in February 1943 to find work in Chicago.

During a recent telephone interview, Sakaguchi said preserving the monuments will secure the memory of a strange, troubling time in American history, and perhaps prevent similar discrimination in the future.

"I think our parents must have felt that they did something wrong to make this happen," Sakaguchi said. "We (the children) knew how completely wrong the whole thing was, but we didn't have the power to fight it."

About 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent were rounded up in the months after Pearl Harbor and interned in 10 camps across the nation.

Most of the families came from the Pacific states of Hawaii, Washington, Oregon and California, and 60 to 70 percent were American citizens, Sakaguchi said.

They reasons given for their relocation were twofold: to reduce the alleged security threat they would present in the event of a Japanese coastal invasion; and to offer them protection from racist retribution.

Families were separated by the internments, businesses were closed, and plans were postponed. Many of the internees remained in the camps until the end of the war in 1945.

Built by camp residents, the cemetery monuments at Rohwer are now cracked, weathered and vandalized. Worse, they rest on unstable foundations.

Allen Granite Industries Inc. of North Little Rock will begin restoration sometime after New Year's Day, and the project will be completed by Memorial Day 1992, company owner Henry Allen said.

Allen said the monuments must be dismantled, their foundations replaced and many cosmetic improvements made.

Sakaguchi, a spokesman for the Japanese-American Citizens League, has led the fundraising efforts for the restoration. He also raised money for a monument at the Denson camp.

The Rohwer monuments are two obelisks. One, which rises from the tracks of an American tank and is topped with a five-pointed star, honors 30 men from the Rohwer camp who died while fighting in the U.S. 442nd Infantry Combat Team Battalion. The Japanese-American battalion suffered so many casualties in the war that it was dubbed the "Purple Heart Battalion."

The other, a general memorial for Rohwer internees, stands on a simple pedestal and is crowned by an eagle perched on a sphere.

In 1982, when former camp residents feared the monuments were damaged beyond repair, a 16-foot granite and marble monument was built at the cemetery as a replacement. The 24 headstones also remain, representing internees from the Rohwer and Denson camps.

There are no visible traces of the Denson camp.

The Rohwer Cemetery was recently rejected for National Historic Landmark status by the National Park Service, but the decision is being appealed.

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A FOUNTAIN HILL MAN WAS THE FIRST WW II VETERAN
WITH THE CIRCUIT CLERK IN ASHLEY COUNTY.

UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE

This is to Certify that Sterling "E" WHITE
(Name in full)

974 06 71 (Service number), Seaman Second Class (Rating—do not abbreviate), United States {USNRCX / Naval Reserve}

has this day been discharged from U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (Ship or organization)

and the U. S. Naval Service under honorable conditions. (Character of discharge)

Dated this 3rd day of June, 19 44, at SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Character of discharge - GOOD-

A. F. Anders
A. F. ANDERS
COMMANDER U.S.N.
Commanding

Reason for discharge ----------

Authority for discharge (if for reason other than expiration of enlistment) Joint Ltr. BuPers File P19-1 Pers -66-RCS 20 Jan 1944

Is not recommended for reenlistment.

Enlisted as AS on 21 Apr. 1944 at Little Rock, Ark. for 2 yrs.

Born on 30 Sept. 1908 at Fountain Hill, Ark.

Qualifications None

Ratings held AS S2c

Certificates None

Service schools completed None

Special duties for which qualified None

Service (vessels and stations served on) NavTraCen, San Diego, Calif. NRS Little Rock, Ark.

Rating at discharge S2c {Acting / Permanent} Service No. 974 06 71

Final average --------- Marital status Married

A. F. Anders
A. F. ANDERS, Comdr., U.S.N.
and Personnel Officer.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

Height 5 ft. 7 in. Weight 130 lb. Eyes

Hair Black Complexion Ruddy Personal marks, etc. ANT: VSLA, PSI" rt knee
RT KNEE
POST: M 1 shoulder, tSI" 1 buttocks below rt knee.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have examined the man herein named and find that he:

Is YYX physically qualified for reenlistment.

Does NOT require treatment or hospitalization.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is the actual print of the right index finger of the man herein named. Wm. N. WHITEHOUSE

LCDR. MC R.V (S)
WHITE House
Wm. N. Whitehouse U.S.N.
and Medical Officer.

Monthly rate of pay when discharged $54.00

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the man herein named has been furnished travel allowance at the rate of FIVE cents per mile from San Diego, Calif. to Hamburg, Ark. and paid $ 11.10 in full to date of discharge. MOP $100.00 Paid

Total net service for pay purposes 0 years 1 months 13 days.

J.F. MARSDEN, CPC, USN (Ret) U.S.N.Mar.
For and in authorized absence of H. ANTHONY, Comdr., SC-USN Disbursing Officer

Sterling "E" White
(Signature of man)

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At the time of Holt Hobb's death, one of his friends was reminising about his relationship with him. He had served, maybe a year, as Holt's helper in a grocery store that he managed.

He described holt as an excellent retailer, an able butcher, and an innovative ad designer and painter. He thought Holt could have been successful in any endeavor as long as he could have remained independent in his creativity.

As an old Confederate soldier said in another section, "He chose to be his own general and boss."

Holt C. Hobbs

'Candyman' made huge success of life

BY LARRY AULT
Democrat-Gazette Staff Writer

Holt C. Hobbs of Fountain Hill packed his car with penny candy and household goods during the Great Depression and went door to door in South Arkansas selling his wares.

Hobbs, known as "the Candyman," was remembered Friday as a unique man who raised five children and invited everyone he met into his home to eat. Hobbs, 85, died Thursday at his home. He was a native of Ashley County and had lived in Fountain Hill the last 61 years.

"Our daddy was a peddler," recalled Ann Lynch of Little Rock, one of three daughters.

Lynch said her father "sold premiums from his car." A premium, she explained, could be anything, such as three yards of dress material that could be used to make a dress.

Hobbs traveled with boxes of penny candy and left three or four boxes of candy with each of his customers to sell.

"When they had sold so much, they would get a premium," comparable to a bonus, Lynch explained.

He also "carried the mail and sold magazines at one time," she said.

Becky Myers of Brinkley, another daughter, described her father's business as "a Wal-Mart in his car." The car had no back seat, she said, because household items were stored where one should have been.

Hobbs was successful in part because many of his customers lived in rural parts of the state and didn't have cars or trucks.

"They didn't have transportation. They depended on him for household goods," Myers said of her father's customers.

Boxes and boxes of candy were shipped to Hobbs out of Memphis, Myers said.

"Everybody that came to our house — the children — got to take a trip to the candy house," she said. "We always had any kind of candy bar we wanted."

In addition to raising a family during tough times, Hobbs served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Drafted into the military when he was 36, Hobbs was known as "Pop" because he was older than many of the other men, his family said.

Myers said her father retired at age 75 but continued to work after that by shortening his route.

At home, she said, her father was always hospitable and often invited people into their home to eat a meal prepared by his wife, Mildred Forester Hobbs.

"Our home was always open to anyone, black or white," Myers said.

She said her father was also a musician who could play spoons on his knees, as well as the piano and the drums.

Myers also described her father as having a good memory, recalling that "he could tell you what everything cost in the grocery store. He was just brilliant."

Nancy Foote of Hamburg, a friend of daughter Judy Lamb of Bryant, described Hobbs as a traditional family man who moved from Hamburg to Fountain Hill when he married.

Lamb said her father believed every man should have a family.

"'Everyone needs to have younguns,'" she said her father often used to say.

Hobbs attributed his longevity, especially his last 10 years, to Dr. William Mason, a retired Little Rock doctor.

"Dad would take vegetables to him and he would barter with Dr. Mason for his medicine," Lynch said.

Hobbs loved to brag about his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and how proud he was of them, his family recalled.

"He loved his grandchildren," Lynch said, noting that he had 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. "He was a granddaddy who liked to watch things grow."

"He made good money and raised five children," she said. "He was just a man that anyone could enjoy an encounter with."

The Stanford Achievement test on page 33 seems to show The Fountain Hill School in a good light. It is interesting to compare Fountain Hill's ranking in that exam with the results (released May 18. 1999) of the Grade Four Benchmark Exam.

Definitions:

BELOW MATH: Percentage of students with below or basic math skills.

ABOVE MATH: " " " " solid or superior math skills.

BELOW LITERACY: Percentage of students with below or basic literacy skills.

ABOVE LITERACY: Percentage of students with solid or superior literacy Skills.

	BELOW MATH	ABOVE MATH	BELOW LITERACY	ABOVE LITERACY
State averages	66.3	33.7	56.8	43.3
Fountain Hill averages	91	10	81	19

The state reported approximately 310 school districts. More than 95% of them had better test results than Fountain Hill.